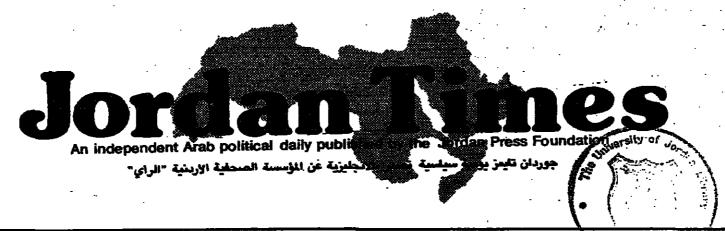
Oman backs Bahrain

BAHRAIN, Dec. 22 (R) — Omani Interior Minister Badr Ibn Saud Ibn Hareb today voiced support for Bahrain, which foiled an alleged Iranian-backed coup attempt earlier this month, according to the Gulf news agency. Oman, a partner of Bahrain in the Gulf Cooperation Council, "stands by Bahrain in repulsing these dangerous attempts and conspiracies, which are aimed not only against Bahrain but against all the states in the region," he was quoted as saying after meeting the Emir of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Ion Salman Ai Khalifa.



French ministers to visit Egypt

PARIS, Dec. 22 (R) - France's External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson, who was in Israel earlier this month, will make an official visit to Egypt on Jan. 2 and 3, a spokesman for his ministry said today.

Mr. Cheysson had originally been due in Cairo last week but his trip was postponed because of the military takeover in Poland and discussions among Western countries on how to react to it. At the same time official French sources said Defence Minister Charles Hernu would also make a visit to Egypt from Dec. 30 to

Mr. Hernu will visit arms factories and Egyptian military bases, the sources said.

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Hassan, Sarvath leave for Europe

AMMAN, Dec. 22 (Petra) -His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Her Highness Princess Sarvath left here this morning for Europe on a private visit to last several days. Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath were seen off at the airport by Court Minister Amer Khammash, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and a number of senior officials.

Moroccan elected for Arab post

RABAT, Dec. 22 (R) --- Moroccan News Agency Manager Abdul Jalil Fenjiro was today elected chairman of the Federation of Arab News Agencies (FANA). The federation's annual general assembly opened yesterday in Casablanca.

Haddad charges 7 were abducted

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (R) Maj. Saad Haddad, commander of the right-wing Christian militias in South Lebanon, today accused Palestinian forces of kidnapping seven civilians from the Western sector of the border zone he controls. The Israeli-backed major said the civilians were abducted from their cars while travelling north from the border region to Beirut. Maj. Haddad said that unless the kidnapped civilians were returned immediately he would take "all necessary steps." He did not say what these might be. The major told reporters he considered the abductions a violation of the ceasefire that has applied in South Lebanon

Armenian appeals against sentence

GENEVA, Dec. 22 (R) -Mardiros Jamgochian, a Lebanese resident of Armenian origin, today lodged an appeal against a 15-year jail sentence imposed on Saturday for the murder of a Turkish consular employee. He was also banned from entering Switzerland for 15 years after the end of his jail sentence. Jamgochian, who admitted that he had killed Mehmet Yerguz of the Turkish consulate, claimed at his trial that he was carrying out a political act as a member of the Beirut-based Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia in a protest campaign ainst Turkish mistreatment Armenians.

Oadhafi's niece treated for burns

ROME, Dec. 22 (A.P.) - A niece of Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi was in extremely serious condition with third degree burns at a hospital in Rome today, the hospital officials said. The 17-year-old girl, who was rushed from Libya to Rome yesterday was disfigured by burns on her face and limbs and has superficial burns over most of the rest of her body, doctors said. Doctors had no information as to the cause of the burns.

Egyptians spend most time sleeping

AIRO, Dec. 22 (R) — Egytians spend most of their day eping or watching television d only four per cent of it orking, according to a Cairo anagement seminar. Dr. adul Meguid Al Abd told the ninar Egyptians spend 44 r cent of their time sleeping, per cent watching telisjon, 16 per cent travelling nd only four per cent in work.

Assad starts talks with Saudi leaders

BAHRAIN, Dec. 22 (R) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad arrived in Saudi Arabia today at the start of a regional tour to discuss the Arabs' response to Israel's amnexation of the Golan Heights.

The Saudi press agency said King Khaled began talks with Mr. Assad immediately after wel-

coming him at Riyadh airport.
It said only that they discussed Middle East developments and bilateral relations. But Damascus radio said the president's tour comes in the context of restoring effective Arab solidarity, and employing all Arab energies and weapons to repulse aggression and force Israel to retreat from its decision to annex the Golan."

Syria' has been pressing for Arab and international action against Israel for its decision last week to annex the strategic border reg-

The United Nations Security Council has already declared the move null and void, and has given Israel until Jan. 5 to rescind it or

face "appropriate measures." Damascus has also asked for an emergency meeting of Arab foreign ministers to be held after the next U.N. Security Council meeting on Jan. 5.

A senior Syrian official told Reuters that his government wan-

ted to give the Arab ministers an opportunity to study any action taken by the U.N.

But the Syrian government newspaper Tishrin said today it was clear that Israel would ignore the Security Council resolution, and therefore the Arabs and the United States should put pressure

"The Arabs must take a firm stand by the side of Syria, and at the United Nations, and must call on the United States to use all its influence on Israel to implement the Security Council resolution," Tishrin said.

Syria received support from Riyadh yesterday, when the Sau-dis called on the U.S. to take a firm stand against Israel.

Information Minister Mohammad Abdo Yamani said after a cabinet meeting that Saudi Arabia hoped Washington "will stand furnly in the face of Israel's repeated provocations and violations of Arab rights and international

The Saudi press agency said Mr. Assad was accompanied at today's talks by Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam. The Saudi team included Crown Prince Fahd and Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz, commander of the National Guard.

Arab League meeting delayed

TUNIS, Dec. 22 (R) — A special meeting of Arab League foreign ministers requested by Syria over Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights a week ago will not take place before Jan. 5 the League conference until after Jan. 5.

said here today.

The foreign ministers were first expected to meet yesterday, then next Sunday, but Syria eventually asked the League to postpone the

Mubarak sends letter to Reagan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has sent a personal message to President Reagan about the impact on Middle East peace eff-Golan Heights, according to diplomatic sources.

Ashraf Ghorbal, the Egyptian Ambassador to the United States who hand-delivered the note yesterday, would say only that it con- to visit Washington for talks with cerned "the latest development in Mr. Reagan on Feb. 2.

Speaking to reporters as he left the White House, Mr. Ghorbal said: "Both leaders are on the same wavelength in their anxorts of Israel's annexation of the iousness to push forward the peace process and bring the area to a comprehensive peace set-

President Mubarak is scheduled

Iraq: 'improvements' in ties with Soviet Union

KUWAIT, Dec. 22 (A.P.) - The France would be delayed until Iraqi minister of state for foreign affairs was quoted here today as reporting "fresh improvement" in

Iraq-Soviet relations.
"We do have extensive relations and wide cooperation with the Soviet Union, based of the treaty of friendship," the newspaper Al Siyassa quoted Ahmad Alwan as saying. He told the rightist newspaper

that the Iraqi leadership was satisfied with "our present relations (with Moscow) which recently witnessed fresh improvements."

Mr. Alwan also told the paper that Iraq and other Arab League member countries were to stand united against France's "new Mideast policy."

He said that Iraq looked unfavourably on statements attributed to French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson during a recent trip to Israel.

But Mr. Alwan suggested that

Baghdad receives the text of Cheysson's statements and clarifications on certain points in

He said that Iraq was in favour of pan-Arab stance against Israel's annexation of Syria's Golan Heights, asserting that "this is not Syria's responsibility alone. Rather, it is the responsibility of all Arabs to stand together against the Israeli move."

Mr. Alwan told Al Siyassa that Iraq might invite Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to attend the Non-sligned nations summit conference in Baghdad next year.

"In principle Egypt is still a member of the Non-aligned Movement, hence was the Egyptian participation in the recent meeting of the Non-aligned nations labour conference in Baghdad," he said. "But that does not mean a change in Iraq's political stance on the combined Arab action against Egyptian regime is relevent."

General Assembly still grappling with UNRWA's finance problem

VIENNA, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — The financial problem involved in providing services to Palestine refugees is one of the items of unfinished business which have led the United Nations General Assembly to keep its current 36th session open beyond the normal The General Assembly, which normally finishes its annual autumn

gathering before the end of the year, decided without a vote on Dec. 16 to continue the session until (among other items) proposals for meeting an expected 1982 deficit had been submitted by the assembly's working group on the financing of UNRWA.

UNRWA is the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for

Palestine refugees in the Near East, which forecasts a shortfall of nearly \$80 million in the income it needs to maintain normal education, health and relief services for 1.9 million registered Palestine refugees in 1982.

General Assembly delegations have been discussing various methods of easing UNRWA's financial plight, which recurs with increasing severity each year as the cost of operations steadily outstrips the increase in voluntary contributions. No consensus has yet been reached, however, and the working group on the financing of UNRWA has therefore been asked to

submit proposals to the General Assembly by the end of January on ways of meeting the agencys budget in 1982.

Meanwhile UNRWA will be giving priority to a renewed and

intensified fund-raising campaign.

2,000 Golan Arabs protest annexation

OCCUPIED GOLAN HEIGHTS, Dec. 22 (R) — About 2,000 Syrian demonstrators staged a protest on the Golan Heights border today to denounce the annexation of the area by Israel.

The crowd assembled near a United Nations-Syrian military checkpoint and yelled insults at Israeli forces posted about 100 metres away. Israeli military vehicles were greeted with boos and

Eyewitnesses said the demonstrators were brought in by bus to the sparsely inhabited border area. Some could be seen wandering around the now deserted town of Kuneitra which Israel handed back to Syria in the 1974 discugagement agreement.

As the demonstration continued, Israel officers ordered television crews to leave. They refused, saying they were in a U.N. zone. But an Austrian U.N. officer said they could not stay there. The television men left after an argument.

Yesterday Israel opened up two courts in the area to administer Israeli law. The ministry of tourism said it will open an office in the Arab village of Mas'ada.

Begin sure to defeat no-confidence motion over anti-U.S. tirade

urity committee, told Israel Radio

that the alliance was meant to

serve both America and Israel, but

Washington had regarded it as "a

bonus being thrown to the Israelis

(that) is now being taken back."

because it appeared to sharpen Israel's differences with the Soviet

Union into outright con-

In his attack on the United Sta-

tes, levelled at U.S. Ambassador

Samuel Lewis, Mr. Begin accused

Washington of treating Israel like

Mr. Begin also complained bit-

terly about Washington's punitive

measures against Israel in the past

seven months: the withholding of

warplane supplies following the

bombing of the Iraqi nuclear rea-

ctor in June (and the bombing of

Palestinian forces headquarters in Beirut on July 17, and the sus-

pension of the alliance following

He also claimed anti-Semitism

shadowed President Reagan's

campaign for Senate approval of

the Saudi arms package last Oct-

office as saying the premier had received hundreds of cables sup-

porting the Golan annexation. It

said they included several from

"Christian organisations rep-

anisations, but Mr. Begin is known

to enjoy strong support from Jerry

Falwell's Moral Majority and

tion, introduced the no-

confidence motion claiming act-

ions like Mr. Begin's outburst

could cause "immeasurable pol-

Shinui, a centrist splinter fac-

It did not identify the org-

resenting millions of people."

Baptist groups.

Israel Radio quoted Mr. Begin's

the Dec. 14 Golan takeover.

a vassal state.

The alliance was criticised here

TEL AVIV. Dec. 22 (A.P.) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin faces a parliamentary noconfidence motion tomorrow over his harsh treatment of the United States, but looks certain to defeat

The motion, the second of its kind this month, was introduced by the small Shinui (change) party following Mr. Begin's vehement attack on U.S. policy on Sunday.

Mr. Begin has a thin 61-seat majority in the 120-member Knesset, or parliament. The rightwing Tehiya (renaissance) party has said its three members will support Mr. Begin, and he may win one or two additional votes from the Telem faction, a rightof-centre group founded by Moshe Davan.

Voting for the resolution will be Shinurs two membes and the rarry, po backed by the four-man Communisty Party.

Taking into account absentee deputies, an unofficial head-count before the debate showed Mr. Begin could defeat the motion.

Mr. Begin overcame a previous motion on Dec. 2 by a margin of 57-53. That motion, introduced by the Labour Party, opposed the signing of an "anti-Soviet strategic alliance" by Israel and the United States.

That alliance, only a month old, now appears to be dead. Wastungton suspended it indefinitely in retaliation for Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights, and Mr. Begin said he saw

this as cancelling the alliance. Mosbe Arens, Israel's next ambassador to the United States, said Israel cancelled the alliance "because it became clear that there was no point in having it." Mr. Arens, who heads par-

liament's foreign affairs and sec-U.S. says pact 'in abeyance'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (R) — The United States has said its strategic cooperation agreement with Israel was "in abeyance," apparently contradicting Israel's view that the accord had been can-

Israeli Prime Minister Men-

ephone from Riyadh.

itical and economic damage" to

achem Begin said Sunday the agr-

cement had been cancelled.

A U.S. State Department spokesman said today Mr. Begin had not made clear whether Israel regarded the agreement as abrogated or believed the United States had

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (R) — The United States said today it could not confirm a report that Brig. Gen. James Dozier had been killed by the Red Brigades guerrillas who kidnapped him in Italy court," the caller said.

last week. A State Department spokesman added that the U.S. so far lacked enough information to be able to "fully deny" the report.

Clarifying earlier remarks by U.S. officials, the spokesman said the department's only source for the death report had been a call received in Beirut today by the Ita-

lian news agency ANSA.

ANSA said a telephone caller, speaking Lebanese Arabic but claiming to represent the Italian Red Brigades, told its Beirut bureau that the Red Brigades had sentenced the U.S. army general to death and his body would be found in Italy tonight.
U.S. officials were sceptical

about the report and said they found it strange that the phone call had been received in Beirut.

The caller did not make clear whether the general, kidnapped from his home in Verona five days ago, had already been killed.

"The Red Brigades claim responsibility for the sentencing to death and execution of the American Gen. James Dozier who has been found guilty by a people's

kidnapped NATO general

Beirut caller says Dozier has been sentenced

Mystery surrounds fate of

According to ANSA the caller began his message by saying: "The Red Brigades of Baader Meinhof announce the following communique.'

The caller did not elaborate on the significance of the reference to the West German guerrilla group. Asked by the ANSA Beirut staff member who answered the

telephone why the message had

been given in Beirut and not in

Italy, the caller said: "We had instructions to give the communique to ANSA in Beirut today for greater security. I have nothing else to add."

Italian police sources said there was no immediate evidence as to whether the message was authentic or not.

Gen. Dozier, 50, deputy chief of staff for logistics and administration at NATO's southern Europe land forces headquarters in Verona, was snatched from his

The Red Brigades issued their first communique about the general on Saturday night and said he was being held in a "people's pri-

The message was found in Rome after a phone tip-off and copies were later found in Venice and Milan.

The message contained no conditions for the general release. Police still carrying out a big hunt throughout northern Italy today said they had nothing concrete to report. They were making

house searches and checking identities and vehicles. The Brigades, which kidnapped and killed former Italian prime minister Aldo Moro in 1978, have in the past issued up to 20 communiques giving details of their hostages' answers under interrogation and often setting harsh

conditions for their release. Police sources said if the guerrillas followed precedent, they were expected to issue shortly a photograph of their hostage sitting in front of their red flag with its home in the Italian city last Thu- five-pointed star.

Reagan accuses Soviets of backing peace demonstrations in Europe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (R) — President Ronald Reagan said in a television interview made public today that recent anti-American peace demonstrations in West Europe were indirectly paid for by the Soviet Union. "Those (demonstrations) are all

sponsored by a thing called the World Peace Council, which is bought and paid for by the Soviet Union." Mr. Reagan said in the interview, to be broadcast on Dec.

"And my only question to those young people, and I know that many of them are very sincere, but why aren't there such demonstrations going on in the Soviet Union?" he said. "It isn't just one side that would

start trouble if there's going to be perate with the boycott imposed

trouble," he added. Mr. Reagan said the number of demonstrations in West Europe had decreased since he announced a proposal last month for eli-

minating medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe. On another topic Mr. Reagan accused Cuba of trying to export revolution to Central America.

The United States was still concerned about the situation in El Salvador and Central America, he said. "We are still doing all we can down there." he said. "It is of vital

importance to us." Mr. Reagan said he approved resumption of grain sales to the Soviet Union, despite his opposition to Soviet actions, because

other countries would not coo-

by President Carter after Moscow intervened in Afghanistan in

"When we tried an individual boycott, we only hurt ourselves." he said. "Why should we penalise

from around the world visited the boly sites of Bethlehem today as the mayor and shopkeepers complained that a poor Christmas turnout is expected in the birthplace of Jesus.

Tourists of all faiths flowed out of the Church of the Nativity and into Manger Square, where Israeli soldiers and film crews were as much a part of the scenery as the decorated Christmas tree and holiday pennants.

Security was tight, with soldiers manning rooftops and patrolling the streets with armoured veh-

Thousands of people are exp-

Gulf council to meet in Saudi Arabia

attempt to face external threats.

and the Iraq-Iran war.

interior ministers since the council, composed of Iran accuses Gulf nations of aiding U.S.

BEIRUT, Dec. 22 (A.P.) — Iran's government spokesman said today the creation of the Gulf Cooperation Council was designed to set the stage for American presence in the region, the state-run

BAHRAIN, Dec. 22 (R) — Defence ministers of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will meet in Saudi Arabia next month to discuss

ways they might work together to defend the Gulf and its oil wealth, officials said today.

conferences of the ministers of finance and eco-

nomy on Jan. 25 and of the interior ministers on

Feb. 9, a council spokesman told Reuters by tel-

It will be the first meeting of the defence and

The meeting, on Jan. 18, will be followed by

The spokesman, Labour Minister Ahmad Tayakoli, told Iranian reporters that Iran "welcomes the cooperation of all Muslim countries provided their people were their planners," Tehran radio

Defence and security are major concerns of the six governments following Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, the Iranian revolution

the six signed an agreement to integrate their countries economically along the lines of the European Economic Community. The finance ministers are expected to discuss ways to apply the agreement.

Iran of sending "teams of terrorists" to overthrow

The government of Bahrain recently accused

existing Arab regimes in the Gulf region. "We have not sent any Iranian to Bahrain to create dis-Tehran radio reported. turbances," the radio quoted Mr. Tavakoli as say-

"While we do not interfere in the internal affairs of other countries, we support the down-trodden people of the world. We do not believe anyone can interfere in another country by force... Our militant people have no need for such an intervention and we deny the intervention," said Mr. Tavakoli.

Sandi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman, was set up in Mayin an

At a conference in Riyadh last month, leaders of

Gen. Galtieri, 55, whose term runs till March 29, 1984, will maintain his positions in the army and

the junts.

Gen. Viola was removed by the junts on Dec. 11 after eight months in office. He reportedly had refused to resign for health reasons as the armed forces commanders suggested.

ourselves, when it is of more importance for us to be economically strong so that we can also, then, be defensively strong?"

Mr. Reagan today presided at another session of the National Security Council to consider the situation in Poland. Presidential Counsellor Edwin Meese told reporters only that "We're looking at an array of political, diplomatic, security and economic measures that may be taken."

He said the president's main concern was for the Polish people and what would help them.

Fewer pilgrims arrive in Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West ected to crowd into the square mayor, described tourism as "the Bank, Dec. 22 (A.P.) — Pilgrims Thursday night to watch midnight cornerstone" of the town's ecomass projected onto a screen by closed circuit cameras. Only about 400 people, their places reserved. will attend the mass inside the church celebrated by the Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, Mon-

signor Giacomo Giuseppe Bel-Mr. Elias Freij, Bethlehem's

cornerstone" of the town's economy. He said American unemployment, the Polish crisis and "violence in this part of the world" have checked a larger pilgrimage into Bethlehem. Israel's tourism ministry says fewer pilgrims are coming for the holiday season than in recent

ILO director criticises Israel for mistreating Arab workers

ABU DHABI, Dec. 22 (R) — The director-general of the Intemational Labour Organisation (ILO), Francis Blanchard, today criticised the way Israel treated Arab workers in occupied territories, the official emirates news agency said. Mr. Blanchard, on a visit to the United Arab Emirates, was also

critical of Israel's application of the ILO's conventions, the agency He accused Israel of violating conventions of the freedom of association, discrimination and action against forced labour. "We have presented 12 specific recommendations dealing with the

conditions of Arab workers in occupied territories, but Israel has ignored them all," the agency quoted him as saying. Argentine president sworn in

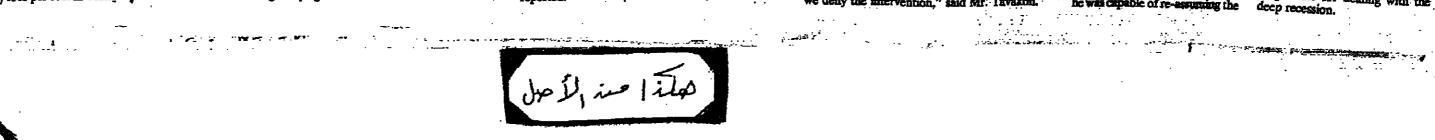
BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Dec. 22 (A.P.) — Geu. Leopoldo F. Galtieri, commander of the army and member of the ruling three-man junta, was sworn in today as president to replace the ailing Gen. Roberto E. Viola.

Gen. Viola was suffering from hypertension and "cotonary ins-ufficiency," but said he believed he was capable of re-assuming the duties he had delegated to subordinates since Nov. 9

Gen. Galtieri took the oath in an eight-minute ceremony in the congress building, which has not been in use since the coup that toppled President Isabel Peron in March, 1976. About 100 military officers and top civilian officials of the new regime looked on.

Gen. Galtier?'s cabinet was also

Gen. Galtieri now faces the task of overcoming the serious economic problems that contributed to the premature end of the govcrument of Gen. Viola, who as criticised for lacking a coherent programme for dealing with the deep recession,



\$32 a month for China's top actress

By Liu Heung Shing

SHANGHAI, China — Zhang Yu is the top movie actress in China. So when she goes to work in the morning, she adjusts her fashionable European sunglasses and hops on her bicycle. Just like everyone else.

Stopped by a traffic cop for her erratic cycling. Miss Zhang lowers her shades, apologising profusely. Recognising a celebrity, the flustered lawman asks for an autograph and sends the 24-year-old starle! on her way to the Shanghai Film Studio.

Such are the few benefits that come with being China's top actress of 1980, an achievement which brings no big money, no agent, no limousine, no chic lunches, no name in lights.

In China's Hollywood, stars are paid by seniority, not on talent or box office draw. The highest-paid actor or actress earns 300 vuan (\$180) a month and might hope to have a private telephone.

Miss Zhang earns 51 yuan (\$32) a month, lives with her parents or in a studio dormitory with other unmarried actresses, stands in line, to buy vegetables, shares household chores and attends political study sessions where she is told performers must be patriots and movies must serve China's modernisation.

Her romantic life is a chaste secret, unprobed by even one of China's 59 movie magazines.

With close to one billion people, China has more moviegoers than any other country. Last year 3 billion tickets were sold, many to peasants who watched flickering films on granary walls and paid with a fresh egg if they lacked the

Unscramble these four Jumbles,

one letter to each square, to form

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price of admission (4-18 cents). But China's film industry has some of the Hollywood mystique. The biggest film magazine, Mass Cinema, has 9 million readers. Last year 100,000 young men and women applied for 40 seats in the prestigious Central Film Academy, where political connections

There are 1.000 governmentemployed actors and actresses and seven major studios, ranging from a vast setup left by Japanese invaders in Manchuria to the tiny Pearl River Studios near Canton. Last year, China turned out 76 feature films, seven times more than during the chaotic 1966-76 Cultural Revolution. This year

will bring more. Based on a poll of its readers, Mass Cinema gave Miss Zhang its "hundred flowers award"

China's equivalent of the "Oscar" - for best actress for her performance in "Love at Mount Lu."

She played a Chinese-American who visits China and falls in love, but finds that his parents were Communists and enemies of her parents during the civil war. Love and patriotism tri-umph. Boy gets girl, and they live happily ever after, working for socialist modernisation and yearning for China's reunion with Taiwan.

While the political message was clear, many young people apparently swooned over Miss Zhang's Western-style clothes

and easy-going Western ways. Miss Zhang was discovered by a Shanghai director scouting high schools for pretty faces and talent seven years ago. That was near the end of the Cultural Revolution, when everything were a shambles and training was nil.

After she landed the role in "Love on Mount Lu," the fan mail began - eventually in such quacomplained to her that there is too much.

"Some guys write asking if I received their presents," she said in an interview. "Of course, I say no, but all they really want are my etters.

She said she is "really moved" to see stage-door Johnnies (fan) from the provinces waiting outside the studio, "just to catch a glimpse

By Walter Freehlich

FLORIDA - Space flight has

already become sufficiently taken

for granted that any launch delay

becomes a disappointment -- or so

it seemed after the shuttle launch

What may be overlooked is that

the shuttle programme is still in a

test phase. The engineers, tec-

hnicians, administrators and flight

crews are still accumulating exp-

erience with the new vehicle and

its myriad systems. In other words,

They are doing something that

has never been done before. No

matter how thorough the planning

and preparation on paper and in

computer simulations, the only

way to ascertain the shuttle's act-

ual responses and behaviours in

marked as test flights by the U.S.

National Aeronautics and Space

early flights are, in a way, ext-

ensions of the development phase

-- a time when various possible

inefficiencies and poor interaction

in the computer programming and

the human procedures can be det-

NASA spokesman Charles

THE BETTER HALF

Administration (NASA). These years old.

All of the first four flights of the

they are still learning.

flight is to try it out.

ected and improved.

delay on Nov. 4.

China's film industry, regarded in the 1930s as avant garde, is struggling now to recover from the ntities that postal officials have Cultural Revolution which produced a lot of drab political fare. Many films were ordered by Jiang Qing, wife of chairman Mao Tse-Tung and leaders of the "Gang of Four," who was once a grade-B actress herself.

> While forcing proletarian art on the masses, it is said, she secretly imported "Gone With the Wind" and Greta Garbo films for her pri-

> omobile manufacturers do their

testing of new models" At proving

grounds behind big screens. We

are doing it in public. Each of

these flights will have some ele-

ments that will cause a change in a

model of some thing. It is an ent-

irely new transportation system.

three-quarters of a century to

reach its current reliability and

safety. Oldtimers remember when

riders and passengers rarely made

a lengthy trip without having to

Aviation required more than

get out and push to get the stalled

half a century to move from the

domain of daredevils and adv-

enturers to the dependable, com-

fortable days of airline travel. Tel-

evision and radio sets passed thr-

Manned space flight is only 20

The evolution of the U.S. man-

ned space programme began with

the Mercury Capsule, which som-

etimes was called A can With A

Man because it was just big eno-

ugh for one person to fit in snuggly

The shuttle is big enough to take

By Vinson

he did not move much.

reach their present state.

car restarted.

But the shuttle is not just a new

The automobile required

The spooning days of the shuttle

Redmond pointed out that aut- seven men and women into orbit.

ight car.

While Madame Mao held sway. factories were given quotas for attendance at the propaganda films and filmmakers. Stars and critics often were persecuted. Screen heroes never fell in love - to do so was bourgeois weakness.

Director Chen Huai-Kei of the Peking Film Studio laughs now about the period, recalling that heroes always had backlighting called the "saint's halo" and were shot from low angles to seem lar-

Today's love and adventure

and in addition take up a load of

scientific and experiment cargo in

its bay, which is about the size of

an average city bus or railroad fre-

In sophistication, as well as size,

the shuttle by far excels all earlier

spacecraft. Its ability to carry out

observations and experiments and

to deliver materials for space sta-

tions, puts the shuttle in a class far

above all other transportation sys-

The decision to delay the launch

on Nov. 4 involved many con-

siderations, including the pos-

sibility that slightly abnormal pre-

films are less interested in politics and some, though prudish by Western standards, are considered

One television series drew critical letters for showing a woman spy in a bathing suit. A top culture official, Chen Bo, recently criticised directors who allowed scenes of men and women kissing and teasing each other under water, brief shots of nudes and "decadent' rock and roll groups.

-- The Associated Press

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The tender documents are available at JPMC offices in Amman, supply dept. Applications for documents should be accompanied by a non-returnable fee of JD 200 for each set of tender documents.

The closing date for tender submission is 12 noon local time, Monday 15th March, 1982.

fine," said Neil B. Hutchinson, one of the flight directors. Believes the systems would have worked well even with their slight "But we didn't have any data to back up our assumption that there

was no big problem," he explained. "The prudent thing to do was to try another. Considering the shuttle's new-

abnormalities.

and auxiliary power units might generate problems during the

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ness, its immense complexity and the vast dimensions of still unproven technology into which it is leading, it is not surprising that there are launch delays _ U.S. ICA ssures in fuel cell storage tanks,

British scientist invents revolutionary new camera

GENEVA, (R) - A revolutionary new camera which will help detect heart disease and cancer at an early stage has been developed by a 38-year-old British nuclear scientist here.

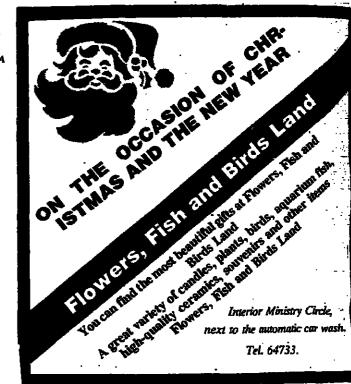
The European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) said the 60 centimetre-cube camera invented by former Cambridge physicist Dr. Alan Jeavons would also be of vital help in unravelling the chemistry of the brain.

Dr. Jeavons told Reuters he developed the camera, which monitors radio-active isotopes injected into the body, over four years. The prototype is now being tested at Geneva University Hospital. He hopes an improved version can be produced for worldwide use

costing about half a million Swiss francs (about \$275,000) -- about a quarter the price of older systems in the United States. The camera monitors radiation produced by the annihilation of electrons by their anti-matter equivalents positrons, providing ima-

ges of the human body in detail as small as two millimetres. The isotopes can be targetted towards the heart, lung or other organs. Dr. Jeavons said: "We have tried to produce a complete system in

the form of a simple box whereby doctors can press a button and get results. And it will provide three-dimensional images."



TIPMER Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as sugted by the above cartoon.

WHAT PURE ART CAN PRODUCE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Print answer here:

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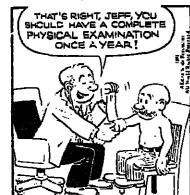




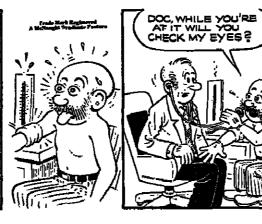




Mutt 'n' Jeff







Andy Capp









FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, 1981

YOUR DAILY from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: State your views in a precise manner for best results at this time. A day to organize your activities well so you can make rapid progress before and after the coming holidays.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Avoid an argument with one who thinks differently from you. Go to influential persons for the backing you need. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You can see clearly now how

to put your current affairs in order. Avoid one who is a troublemaker. Be more optimistic. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) An associate could be dif-

ficult if you antagonize this person. Cement better relations instead. Think along constructive lines. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Try to be more

objective and you can advance in career activities. Come to a better understanding with an opponent. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) A talent you have can be best ex-

pressed in the afternoon. Study the work ahead of you and clear up your thinking. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You could be confused in the morning, so wait until later in the day before coming to any

important decisions. Use your wisdom. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Obtain the true facts and figures before going ahead with a plan you have in mind. Take no risks with your reputation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Don't part with your money in the daytime or there could be deception of some kind. Avoid one who brags too much.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The planets are favorable for making progress now in career activities. Know what higherups expect of you. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You may want to make

some changes now, but study them well first, otherwise you could regret it later. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Go over any statements

carefully, since there are likely to be some mistakes at this time. Make precise plans for the holidays.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Sidestep a co-worker who is out of sorts in the morning. Make new contacts or worth to add to present roster.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be one with many talents, and the ability to formulate a plan and then execute it to a successful conclusion. Give as comprehensive an education as you can in order to achieve the greatest results.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword By David A. Scully

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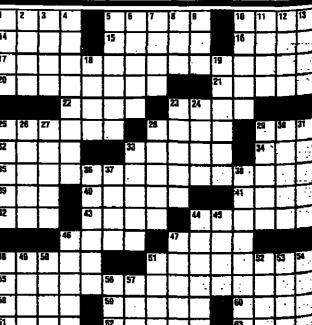
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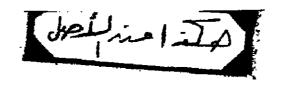
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NATIONAL



Experts from Arab countries discuss final details at a seminar on foreign trade statistics Tuesday (Petra

Arab statisticians end 5-day training seminar

AMMAN, Dec. 22 (Petra) — A five-day training seminar on foreign trade statistics and the development of national exports. organised by the Arab institute for statistical training and research in Baghdad in cooperation with the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) and the Jordan Department of Statistics, concluded at the Amman Chamber of Industry,

CAEU Secretary General Fakhri Qaddouri, addressing the participants, expressed his thanks and appreciation to those supervising the seminar, and asserted the need for further such seminars to dev-

IRBID, Dec. 22 (Petra) - Int-

erior Minister Suleiman Arar

today opened a new Civil Defence

centre in the city of Irbid. The cen-

tre's construction cost JD

at the inauguration ceremony that

the centre had been designed in

ern methods" and "the highest

standards," to enable Civil Def-

ence men to perform their duty

rapidly and thoroughly. He added

Irbid divided into 6 zones

Pro burglar brought to justice

Qasem sees Australian envoy

Ramtha to get JD 170,000 loan

expropriate land that will be used for public purposes.

10 dunums asked for farm research

would last five years from this season.

moderate winds and calm seas.

Aqaba

Deserts

to the court, the police said.

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accordance with "the most mod-

The director of the centre said

Irbid opens quarter-million

dinar Civil Defence centre

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

IRBID, Dec. 22 (Petra) - Irbid Municipality has decided to

divide Irbid into six administrative zones, Irbid Mayor Abdul

Razzak Tubeishat said today. Each of the six zones will be run by a

director and a number of inspectors specialised in construction.

public works and health services, he added. He said that this step

has been adopted in order to provide better services for the

different areas of the city, and to decentralise the work of the

AMMAN, Dec. 22 (Petra) — The Amman police have app-

rehended a professional burglar, a resident of Schneller refugee

camp, after he had committed several burglaries. His latest bur-

glary was the theft of 37,685 Saudi riyals from a Pakistani citizen.

The defendant admitted the charges against him and was referred

AMMAN, Dec. 22 (Petra) - Foreign Minister Marwan Al

Oasem received today the Australian Ambassador to Jordan.

They discussed issues of mutual interest to Jordan and Australia.

AMMAN, Dec. 22 (Petra) — The Development Bank for Mun-

icipalities and Village Councils has decided to give Ramtha Mun-

icipality a loan of JD 170.000. The town's mayor said the money

will be used to build the first stage of an industrial zone, and to

AMMAN, Dec. 22 (Petra) — Agriculture Minister Marwan Dudin has requested the Madaba District agriculture director to

set aside a 10-dunum piece of land at the Mashqar agricultural

station for experimentation by the soil and irrigation section at the agricultural research and guidance directorate. The research

Today's Weather

It will be partly cloudy, with some clouds and southeasterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, it will be partly cloudy with northerly

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 16, Aqaba 23. Humidity readings: Amman 47 per cent, Aqaba 45 per cent.

Daytime high

elop Arab statistics departments. Director General of Statistics Burhan Shraydeh said the seminar dealt with important topics and sensitive problems in foreign trade statistics. The participants got acquainted with ideas on how to eliminate trade barriers, he said. They also learned how to prepare foreign trade statistics in order to

Dr. Shraydeh noted that Arab economies are still greatly dependent on foreign imports, and some of them depend basically on the export of one commodity.

that the 270-square-metre centre

had been supplied with modern

civil defence equipment.

several other officials.

system and other sections.

achieve maximum benefit for the

researcher, the planner and the

government authorities.

Foreign trade statistics, he said, can clarify the situation and enable their users to work to increase local production, develop exports and regulate imports.

The director general of the Arab institute for statistical training and research Dr. Ibrahim Strak, also spoke, asserting that the seminar would help provide the necessary statistics workers and systems. It would contribute to the movement towards the Arab Nation's goal of economic integration, he said.

At the end of the seminar, Dr. Shraydeh distributed certificates to the 34 participants, who came from 13 Arab states.

Yarmouk U. students take to the streets with studies

IRBID, Dec. 22 (Petra) number of students from the Yarmouk University Faculty of Administrative Science, in coo-peration with Irbid Mun-icipality, have begun a field study of the supply of and dem-and for vegetables and fruit at the Irbid central market.

The study will concentrate on the seasons which witness fluctuations in supply and dem-and, the ability of local pro-ducts to fulfil the needs of the public and the principles followed in exporting produce.

Meanwhile, a number of students from the university's Faculty of Engineering, in coo-peration with Irbid Municipality, are currently: making a study of the programming of traffic lights in Irbid.

CORRECTION

A news story on page 3 of Tuesday's Jordan Times, about the visit to Jordan of India's Cardamom Board Director P.D. Khemani, gave incorrect figures for cardamom production. The correct figures are 8,500 metric tons a year for world production, and 4,500 metric tons a year for

istmas Poem" and grades 3 and 4

recited a poem called "Seven

Candles For Christmas". Jumana

Kawar played "Good King Wen-

ceslas" on the piano, and Fida Sal-

fiti performed a piano solo ent-

The pupils in the audience were

highly appreciative of the humour

comic and original words, tog-

ether with the acting of the per-

formers, presented rather an int-

eresting caricature of the school.

Wish You a Merry Christmas", in

which the audience of pupils at

Fertiliser chiefs

for cooperation

AMMAN, Dec 22 (Petra) - The

council on coordination of the Jor-

danian fertiliser industry has for-

med four specialised committees to

handle various aspects of coo-

The council groups the chief

executives of the Jordan Phosphate

Mines Company (JPMC), the Jor-dan Fertiliser Industry Company

(JFIC) and the Arab Potash Com-

pany (APC). At a meeting today as

a subcommittee under JPMC Dir-

ector General Ali Al Nsour, the

executives set up the four com-

mittees to take charge of personnei

and administration, financial mat-

ters, technical work and int-

Also attending the meeting were

JFIC Director General Mahmoud

Mardi and APC Director General

ernational marketing.

Ali Al Khasawneh.

today's performance joined.

set up panels

The final number was "We

itled "The Entertainer".

Choristers raise their voices at YWCA, school concerts

By Samira Kawar Special to the Jordan Times

The inauguration ceremony was AMMAN, Dec. 22 — Choir perattended by Irbid Governor Abed Khalaf Daoudiyeh, Director General of Civil Defence Khaled Al

Tarawneh and his assistants and The centre includes an administrative section, an operations toom, a lecture hall, a rapid alarm

terday evening at the YWCA.

other pieces. The International Baccalaureate School (IBS) has also staged a winter concert, to mark the end of its term. Evening concerts took place between 7 and 8 p.m. on Sunday and Monday evenings. The school hall overflowed with an audience of about 80 parents and friends for each performance.

A third performance was held this morning for the benefit of school pupils. The programme included four songs by students from grades 1-4: "Rainbow Song", a Christmas Iullaby, "O Christmas Tree" in Arabic and "Jingle Bells".

Arab economic experts call for longer meet

seminar of Arab experts on national accounts concluded here today.

the statistics department at the Arab League General Secretariat, in cooperation with the Arab institute for statistical training and research in Baghdad, convene a longer seminar on national accounts, and that it study case studies on how to prepare accounts for each sector separately.

The four-day seminar started on Dec. 19 and was attended by experts representing 17 Arab countries, the Arab League general secretariat, the Economic Commission for Western Asia, the Arab institute for statistical training and research, the Council of Arab Economic Unity, the Arab Monetary Fund, the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development and the Arab Organisation for Administrative Sciences, in addition to the Arab experts provided by the Arab

the Arab League's statistics department, the Department of Statistics and the Arab institute for statistical training and research.

formances and concerts for the Christmas season seem to be in order this year.

The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) choir, conscene from Shakespeare's Romeo ducted by Mr. Karim Bawab, treand Juliet. Rana Sukhtian recited ated music lovers to 20 selections "Journey of the Magi", and the of popular, classical and Chrschool's Guitar and Recorder istmas music in Arabic, English Club played "Scarborough Fair". and other languages at 8 p.m. Mohammad Taher recited "Shatoday at the French Cultural Cenkespeare's Carol", and grades 5 tre. Another performance will take place at 8:30 tomorrow eveand 6 sang three songs: "Grandfather's Clock", "Silent Night" and "The Twelve Days of IBS" to ning (Wednesday) at the YWCA hall in Jabal Amman. The choir the tune of "The Twelve Days of staged its first performance yes-

The choir comprises 36 soprano, alto, tenor and bass singers. Some of the pieces rendered by the choir include "Yesterday-Michele", a medley of tunes by Beatles John Lennon and Paul McCartney; 'Deh Vieni, non Tardar' taken from Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro"; several traditional French carols, and many

Татек Harbouk read a "Chr-

AMMAN, Dec. 22 (Petra) - A

The seminar recommended that

League.
The seminar was organised by

Assessing gains for the disabled

ecial to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Dec. 22 - Doctors from all fields of medicine; officials from a number of government ministries, the police and the armed forces, and representatives of voluntary societies from all over the country - including the West Bank - gathered today at the University of Jordan to assess the knowledge gained during 1981, the International Year of Disabled Persons (TYDP). and to make recommendation for the future.

The two-day general meeting of the national committee for the IYDP, held at the university's Faculty of Agriculture, was formally opened this morning by Her Highness Princess Basma, honorary president of the national committee. Minister of Social Development In am Al Mufti, the president of the committee, started the session by explaining that the meeting is meant to capitalise on a number of studies carried out during this year. She also pointed out that despite official efforts this year and in previous years, Jordan still lacks a national policy and clear planning for the disabled.

Mrs. Mufti stressed that the aim of the meeting was not to be a parade of studies, but rather to serve as a workshop for practical recommendations and decisionmaking. It could, she said, act as a basis for planning of care for the handicapped over the next five years, and provide guidelines for a national committee for the disabled. This committee is expected to develop out of the national committee for the IYDP.

The presentations which followed included medical studies sponsored by the Queen Alia Jordan Welfare Fund of different disabilities, with recommendations. There were also three working papers originating from the national committee. They dealt with prevention of disability, voc-ational training and the integration of the handicapped into society.

Grade 9 performed the closing Dr. Musa Al Jamal's study of the deaf and mute pointed out that 3193 deaf-mutes were registered with the Queen Alia Fund during 1978. A study of a sample of 160, of all ages and from both sexes revealed that 50 per cent of the cases could be traced to hereditary causes -- namely, intermarriage in one family.

Recommendations followed, asking for early diagnosis and treatment of cases: "The earlier the better." Dr. Jamal recommended of the last-mentioned piece. Its family help, special education and vocational training, the establishment of health centres and early training with normal chi-

> A specialist in ophthalmology, Dr. Fuad Sayegh, gave an encouraging report. He pointed out that in the 1940s 95 per cent of the population suffered from trachoma, which dropped to 5 per cent in the 1960s and has now, he said, disappeared completely from the country.

He also referred to the eye bank which was established in Jordan in 1979, and which provides comeas to qualified specialists. Two hundred out of 240 cornea transplants have been successful, he said, with 80 per cent of the patients gaining eyesight.

On a less optimistic note, a study of blindness shows that there has been an increase in congenital and hereditary blindness, though acquired blindness caused by infection has declined. Hereditary reasons account for 79 per cent of blindness.

Dr. Sayegh's recommendations included a scientific centre for eye care in Jordan which would provide preventive medicine, tre-atment and rehabilitation, as well as education and research. Among its 'services would be studies of hereditary disease, marriage counselling and family planning. Dr. Sayegh asserted that 40 per cent of all cases of blindness could be cured if medication were ava-

child care, and Dr. Zayed Al Kayed, head of a mother and child

By Suzanne Zu'mut-Black

On mental retardation, Dr. Abdullah Al Kilani spoke, estimating that there were 35,000-40,000 cases in Jordan, although only 5,000 are registered. A study of a sample of 200 registered as retarded and 100 normal persons again strongly pointed to intermarriage as the major cause. It

care centre in Amman. The paper was presented by Dr. Hijazi.

A paper on vocational training policy for the disabled in Jordan was presented by Dr. Suleiman Rihani, while another on the integration of the disabled into soc-

iety was presented by Mr. Yousef Al Karmi.

After a general discussion. three technical committee were formed, which met separately late into the afternoon to study the working papers and to prepare recommendations for tomorrow's



Minister of Social Development In am Al Mufti addresses a meeting on the experiences of the Int-

is related to 67.4 per cent of the

cases, Dr. Kilani said. His recommendations stressed preventive measures. These include family education and awareness, better general education. more special education centres at present less than 1,000 cases are catered for - family counselling on a regular basis to bring about the retarded person's independence and training centres in which the moderately retarded could learn side-by-side with both normal and problem children.

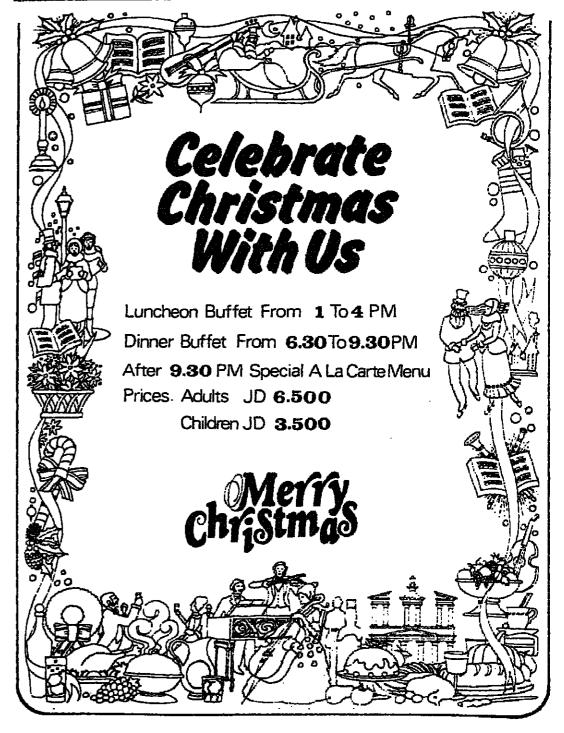
In his study on the physically handicapped, Dr. Sami Khouri concentrated on amputees. He chose a random sample of 100 cases, out of a registered total of 696. The study showed that most amputation happen at a relatively young age, and that the largest number of patients are skilled workers. The second largest group includes those involved in the accidents with undetonated explosives or in car accidents. Between 1960 and 1970, cases caused by car accidents doubled; and Dr. Khouri predicted a further increase in the 1980s and 1990s because of the increase in roads and lack of strictness in traffic control.

In his recommendations Dr. Khouri stressed the need for preventive measures, especially in education on driving and roadcrossing safety. He pointed out that between 1972 and 1978, 37.5 per cent of amputations were attributed to car accidents.

A report presented by the committee for the prevention of disability was prepared by Dr. Sa'id Hijazi, assistant professor of nutrition and child health at the University of Jordan; Dr. Samira Baban, specialist in mother and



Amman Marriott Hotel



WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

Paintings, entitled "Desert," by Princess Wijdan Ali at the Alia Art Gallery.

Film

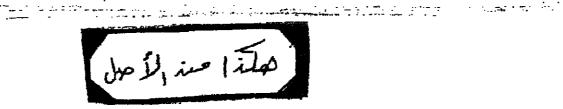
* The Goethe Institute presents Der Weihnachtsmann Steht Vor Der Tuer, for German-speaking children, at 5 p.m.

Lecture

* The Jordan University Hospital presents a lecture entitled Update on Specific Child Psychiatric Disorders: Encuresis, Encopresis, Sleep Walking, Night Terrors, by Dr. Walid Shuqum, associate professor of child psychology at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo. at 2 p.m.

Concert

* The YWCA choir sings classical and popular music at 8:30 p.m.



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Reason to hope?

WE WOULD hate very much to see the foreign ministers of the Arab states meet in a few week's time, issue a statement urging common Arab action to counter the threat of Israeli expansionism in the wake of the Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights, and then have the Arab World do nothing at all to implement an otherwise fine and fitting call to action. We have gone through this verbal exercise too many times in the past to wish seriously to go through it once again. It is symptomatic of the weak and confused state of affairs in the Arab World that we have to depend on a worsening of relations between Israel and Washington to be able then to fool ourselves by claiming that our policies of confrontation are paying off at last. When the chips are down--and they seem to be down most of the time these days--Israel and the United States will always close ranks and work hand in hand, dollar alongside dollar, to keep the Arab World in a state of bewilderment.

The likelihood of concerted Arab action now, after the aborted Fez summit, is highly unlikely. To resort to cliches yet again in an exercise of psychological salvation-which is what will happen if the Arab World issues yet more declarations without acting on them--would be cruel and meaningless. We believe the people of the Arab World are prepared to work and sacrifice to restore their honour and self-respect, but are themselves bewildered by the chronic inability of their political leaders to establish a framework of action. Is there any hope that this time things will be different?

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

We're friends really

AL RA'I: Frantic Israeli and U.S. efforts are being exerted now to prove that what happened between them does not exceed what hally takes place between friends. Both sides are trying to stress that the United States' suspension and the Israeli abrogation of the strategic cooperation agreement signed between them do not constitute a setback in Israeli-U.S. relations.

Whether the Israeli-U.S. strategic cooperation agreement has been suspended or abrogated is of no concern for the Arabs, nor does it satisfy the need for a firm and clear U.S. stand on the Golan Heights. This is not the compensation the Arabs would accept for the Golan Heights.

The real proof of the United States objection to Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights will be how the United States behaves at the forthcoming United Nations Security Council's Jan. 5 session. The U.S. behaviour will also prove whether this objection to the annexation is serious or just a mere manoeuvre. Any veto will only help Israel escape International punishment with the Golan Heights between its fangs. And if such a veto takes place it can never be argued that Israel has received enough punishment in the abrogation of the strategic cooperation agreement. The punishment to be adopted by the Security Council must be severe because the Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights is an aggression on the Arab Nation and a violation of the very principles of peace.

Israel must be forced to rescind its decision to annex the Golan Heights because this is an issue that relates to the rights of the Arab people and to the duty of the Security Council to deter the aggressor and to maintain peace. Thus the issue is not solely one of U.S. Israeli calculations, particularly because Israel is trying to obtain the United States' solemn promise to veto any resolution that will be adopted by the Security Council against Israel.

The Arabs must not be very optimistic. It is also hoped that the Arab leadership has realised that the Arabs will never succeed unless the leaders abandon their differences and sensitivities which have exhausted the nation.

The importance of being earnest

AL DUSTOUR: It is not surprising that Israel should retaliate to Washington's suspension of the strategic cooperation agreement by haughtily abrogating the agreement because Israel has grown accustomed to see the United States retreat as the result of the Israeli fury. Hence, the noise made by Israel and the United States' meek response do not pose a negative influence on the Israeli-U.S. relations. Fully aware of this fact, Israel feigns fury and mutiny in the face of the United States suspension of the strategic cooperation agreement, in order to warn Washington against supporting any international sanctions against Israel should it not comply with the Security Council's resolution which considered Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights null and void and asked Israel to rescind its decision which violates international law. Furthermore, Menachem Begin has threatened Washington that Israel will not withdraw from Sinai and will explode the situation in Lebanon.

The U.S. decision to suspend the strategic cooperation agreement and to freeze purchases of military equipment from Israel as a punishment envokes fear and suspicion because nobody asked the United States to do that and since it could have been postponed until the United Nations Security Council's Jan. 5 session to be added to the sanctions adopted by the international community. We suspect that the U.S. step has been adopted in order to obstruct imposing any international punishment on Israel. We warn the United States against such a grave game because it aims at peddling the Israeli decision to annex the Golan Heights under the cloud of abrogating the strategic cooperation agreement, a step which has no power to cancel the Israeli decision but which might pave the way for another Israeli step to annex the

West Bank and the Gaza Strip. We also warn the Arab states against excessive optimism and against depending on the inconstant stand of the United States. We call on the Arabs to adopt a collective stand capable of dealing with all possibilities.

Science and Industry

Low-cost housing

The construction of buildings for housing has changed the appearance of our cities in Jordan over the past two decades. The authorities and the private sector businessmen are taking appropriate measures to secure economical housing for low-

income people.

Despite the boom in the construction industry, the cost of building and renting is still relatively high. This is due to the soaring prices of land, building materials, and labour, and to the contractors profits. A small portion of the cost can be attributed to the improper design and construction practices. In order to provide low-cost housing for the public the above major cost components should be tackled, and every attempt should be made to reduce them. In this case, the reduction in the total cost by improving the construction and design practices will have a minimal effect, and should not be resorted to if the proposed modifications result in poorer-quality buildings.

The task of providing lowcost housing should be left to professionals and not to amateurs. The government has taken some appropriate steps, and the Housing Corporation

No help from Church

THE Roman Catholic primate of Poland says in a message to be read at Sunday masses, after a week of military rule in the country,

Reports reaching the West about opinion in Poland said the

pastoral letter from Archbishop Jozef Glemp is regarded in some

quarters as virtual submission by the Church to the military cou-

The reports interpret this opinion as suggesting that the Church now sees itself as having no power under the military crackdown

and is returning to the position it adopted during the Stalinist rule

Defiance towards the military council is believed to be con-

tinuing in 10 industrial areas despite the fact that the official news

agency PAP has said these traditional trouble spots were calm.

firmation, of mutiny in certain army units though none to suggest

The official media in Poland have carried statements by some

But travellers reaching Vienna from Warsaw have brought a

Mr. Walesa is believed to have been asked by the authorities to

But one report, which cannot be confirmed, quoted the Sol-

Reliable sources indicate that well over 200 Polish factories

idarity leader as replying: "you will have to cut my body into a

Solidarity figures may be still at large, including Zbigniew Bujak,

The military council has reported that seven people were killed

in the Katowice mining area of southern Poland last Wednesday

when police opened fire on protesters. But other reliable reports

from Poland suggest that overall casualties during the week of

military rule have been higher than officially listed, with many

people treated in military hospitals or at home and the numbers

The major flashpoints are believed to be the Gdansk and Silesia

Despite the present position of the Church, Archbishop Glemp

is believed to have refused a meeting with himself asked for by the

Military Council Chief, General Wojciech Jaruzelski, insisting.

In the southern city of Krakow, a crowd of 2,000 people were

reported to have been dispersed by water cannon in temperatures

well below zero. The tactics of security forces apparently involve

the use of heavy armour to break down gates and other obstacles.

Paramilitary units then sweep in after forays by water cannon and armoured personnel carriers.

There have been continuing reports from northern and sou-

thern Poland of soldiers fraternising with the workers and ref-

raining from use of violence, though this is said not to have been

the case with police. Typewriters, cameras, photocopy machines

and other pieces of office equipment have been either confiscated

or locked up by the authorities, with telex machines immobilised.

have gone as high as 50,000 but the Polish ambassador to Sweden

said in a British television interview yesterday that the number is

Reliable reports from Poland say the conditions for detainees

vary widely, well-known intellectuals getting far better treatment

Academics and other intellectuals are allowed family packages

and letters but a few who have been released speak of appalling

conditions in freezing temperatures. Detention places are rep-

orted to be overcrowded, with windows broken, and furniture,

Interrogations were said to be conducted as officers in charge

handled bullets menacingly. One worker was reported to have

been questioned with his hands up against a wall while an unl-

oaded gun was held against his temple and questions were put to

There have been reliable reports of factories sabotaged, despite

official accounts of normal working. These plants include a bal-lbearing factory, as well as mining facilities. Three Catholic priests.

are said to have been detained on grounds that they were ass-

Church sources said that Mr. Walesa sent out an appeal dec-

Indicating the continuation of resistance to the military aut-

horities a week after the takeover, travellers from the Silesia area

said workers in the entire region began a strike after coalminers

were killed by police fire at the Wujek colliery on Wednesday.

of reporting and, according to some Poles, even Stalinist norms,

ran a five-minute voice report on Friday night that all was normal

But state television, which has returned to pre-1980 standards

However, some poles say they are again becoming accustomed.

to reading their media "upside down." Independent reports said

workers shut down the furnaces in the Warsaw steel mills, which

were among the first plants to be stormed by army and police after

One traveller said the miners had vowed to strike to the last.

laring, "let us not be broken down... if the army uses force we

should act in such a way that there will not be bloodshed."

than that given Solidarity officials and workers.

food, water and toilet facilities lacking.

him by a policeman speaking Russian,

ociated with dissident fringe groups.

throughout the region.

Western reports of the number of people arrested in Poland

areas, with persistent but sketchy accounts of demonstrations and

pamphlet they say was printed by Solidarity which carried an appeal from Union Chief Lech Walesa for mass strikes and pas-

activists of the free trade union Solidarity criticising their leaders

as having gone too far recently in opposition to communist rule.

There are also persistent reports, but no independent con-

that the Church is now "powerless in the face of evil."

ncil which has ruled the country for a week.

sive resistance against the military council. ...

make a television appeal for moderation.

therefore unavailable to city authorities.

that Mr. Walesa should be present.

no more than 4,000.

generally tough action by the army and police.

which prevailed in the 1950s.

dangerous army indiscipline.

thousand pieces first."

the union's leader in Warsaw.

was established specifically for this purpose. This corporation has been successful in its endeavours, and has initiated the work on many housing schemes, some of which has already been accomplished. The housing units have been sold or let at reasonable rates, which has been possible because of a combination of reasons. The land is bought at a fair price, the work is contracted in bulk, and the building materials are purchased at reduced prices. Maximum use is made of the land and the other resources by building multi-storey blocks of flats sharing common facilities. The good quality of the structure has been maintained, and the construction is being carried out in a relatively short

Another attempt to provide designs for low-cost housing has been undertaken over the past seven years at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS), with assistance from the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ). The contract signed between both parties included the development of low-cost buildings of one to four storeys in different regions in Jordan, and should have

been terminated a few years ago. Although the project took a bit longer, some model bui-Idings were set up on RSS grounds, and were displayed by Jordan Television last week. Yet, RSS has still to clarify many matters pertaining to those models before they can be adopted with confidence.

The idea underlining the proposed model is to construct the walls and the ceiling of the building by using prefabricated elements resembling bricks. The structure can go up to three storeys, which in some cases may limit the efficient use of the land, and the foundation is similar to that of other buildings. The rows of prefabricated elements are laid on top of one another with no cement between them. Theyare held in the horizontal direction by cement, and in the vertical direction by the shapes of the elements in an arrangement similar to a railway track holding the train wheels. In order to prevent the penetration of the rain to the inside, the outside is painted with a paint that requires maintenance every five years. Resistance to wind and earthquakes is claimed to be good. Resistance to floods and humidity is also dependent on the external paint.

By Dr. Awn Rifai

The cost per square metre quoted does not include central heating or water heating systems, tiles, and window shutters, for example. It does include, however, the cost of RSS labour. If a contractor is to carry out the construction, then a different calculation has to be made. Since the cost of RSS personnel is not so straightforward to evaluate, the total costs of the proposed building cannot yet be compared directly with the commercial rates in the market. Moreover, the cost quoted was ambiguous in the sense that it was not clear how it was calculated, and what are the variations and fluctuations it could be subject to. A fuller calculation might reveal that the scheme is not actually a low-cost one, but, given the prevailing market demand and prices in Jordan, it could more accurately be termed a medium-cost scheme. Finally, the statement made about the failure of similar projects in some developed countries. while the project has been a major success in Jordan, is not entirely fair since the project was not followed up in those

other countries.

West confused over Poland

Western leaders had often commented that Poland should be left to sort out its own problems; but now that it has, and in a man. ner they had not hoped for, they are back at the drawing board.

By David Mason

OTHER than to express escalating concern, Western European leaders appear at a loss over what to do about the Polish crisis. Contingency plans, short of military action, to exist for any large scale Soviet military intervention in Poland. But diplomatic source say nothing had been arranged to deal with the present takeover by the Polish military, even though it has clear Soviet backing.

Many diplomats said they were surprised at the imposition of

martial law in Poland last Sunday. The real fear in Western Europe since the free trade union & idarity emerged in Poland was that the Soviet Union would teat

dozens of tank divisions across Poland's eastern frontier.

The accepted wisdom was that the Russians would never stomaticounter-revolutionary" liberalisation in Poland and that Mosow. would react militarily for fear of "contagion" in the rest of the

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), which links 12 European countries with the United States, Canada and Ireland drafted contingency plans a year ago, based on Soviet military inservention in Poland. "The Allies would be compelled to react in the manner which the gravity of this development would require,"
NATO said ominously last December.

NATO's permanent representatives in Brussels outlined the test of drawing up a "laundry list" of responses to any Soviet incursing Diplomatic sources say these include withdrawal of ambassadon from Moscow, a strict cut-off of high-technology exports to the Soviet Union, other trade restrictions and the severing of cultural ties

There is no question of a NATO military response, NATO Sec. retary General Joseph Luns and other officials have said repeatedly. The NATO permanent representatives were also instructed to assess responses in a "grey area" short of open Soviet military intervention such as an economic blockade. But the subject of action by Police authorities has apparently not been addressed.

For many months, Western European leaders have been repeating the line that "Poland must be allowed to solve its problems by itself" -- a thinly disguised warning to Moscow, repeated in such forums a NATO, the 10-nation European Economic Community and the 35-nation Madrid conference on European security and con-

European leaders are now showing escalating concern about Pol-and. British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington on Thursday put-aside his usual discrete diplomatic style to say: "Here in the heartof our continent is a man-made disaster on a colossal scale."

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt expressed his "deep concern" Friday and declared himself "with all my heart on the site of the workers... We all hope that the state of war in Poland will be ended soon."

Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said Friday the Polish military takeover had left the world in its most dangerous situation since

Some governments have called in Polish ambassadors to express concern, but apparently no West European country has suggested its nationals should leave Poland, as has the United States. NATO officials continued consultations on Poland Friday. Com-

mon market diplomats were also in regular touch and Carrington hinted he might arrange a special foreign ministers' meeting.

European leaders recall the damaging delay in formulating a strong joint response to Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan in December 1979. They hoped to avert a recurrence.

So far, the only joint response has been a mild EEC foreign ministers' statement three days ago which said they were "con-cerned" about Poland and added that Poland should solve its problems without the use of force."

Shortages in Poland reported by Red Cross

DESPITE official reports of said there was "a great misery in "normalisation," relief workers Poland." Medicine cabinets in returning from northern Poland tell of food and medicine shortages and paint a picture of freezing cold, fear and misery.

Doctors in the Baltic coast city of Koszalin watched the unloading of a Red Cross medical supply truck "as if it were a bag of miracles," Luise Bronnmann, a German Red Cross aid organiser, said Sunday after returning from Northern Poland.

The chief doctor at the Koszalin Hospital had been replaced by a

military physician, she said. The 20-truck West German convoy returned Saturday after visiting 13 hospitals along the Baltic coast from Szczecin to Gdynia. The Red Cross here said some 4,500 patients, including 1,600 children, were in the hospitals visited by the convoy. No figures were available for comparison to the pre-martial law period of a week ago. Dr. Dieter Ueberhoer, regional red cross director, said relief workers neither heard nor saw evidence of gunshot wounds or other injuries that would indicate casualties in clashes between Solidarity union supporters and

Strikes and resistance to martial law have been reported on the north coast by official Polish media and travellers reaching the

Polish authorities.

Radio Warsaw and other media supervised by the military rulers emphasised over the weekend that workers returning to their jobs and supplies were rolling in from Poland's Soviet Bloc neighbours. The radio said cigarettes, oranges, candy, fruit juice, soap, warm clothes, medicine and other supplies were arriving from Poland's allies. including 2,000 tons of beef and mutton from Mongolia.

Gerhard Biesold, director of a local Red Cross training school,

several hospitals were completely empty, said other people returning from the Red Cross group. which took 36 tons of food and medicine to the coastal cities.

Drivers from a 150-truck Dutch convoy returning through north Germany described-20 degree centigrade (-4F) Weather that froze fuel lines and icy roads and made travel hazardous.

Many Poles "were astonished that we could get through at all, given the situation in the country," said Ms. Bronnmann.

One man said "christmas came on December 17," the day the convoy arrived. The Red Cross workers said there were no difficulties with officials going into Poland, but there were problems on the way out. Police subjected all travellers to strict identity checks, opened cameras and exposed film, they said.

Volunteers in civilian clothing. carrying two-way radios, joined police in manning some of the checkpoints, examining documents and destinations.

No incidents occurred Friday night at the funeral of Jerzy Zielinski, 54, a veteran of the 1944 Warsaw uprising against the German occupation and staff member of the now-banned weekly "Sol-. idarity."

He died on Sunday after leaping from a window. Zielinski, considered a moderate, was eulogised at the evening service by a Roman Catholic priest who asked those at. the funeral to "pray for those arrested and interned....for those innocently suffering. Let us pray that calm returns to our motherland."

The funeral took place at the Holy Cross Church on Warsaw's Nowy Swiat (New World street) where police chased students during a clash Thursday night.

The authorities, have apparently managed as promised to keep possible disturbances from erupting into worse violence after the now disbanded independent union branch here declared Thursday a day of protest.

The official media presented a picture of "normalisation," six days after martial law was imposed, by announcing that ticket and reservation workers for the Polish National Airline were to report to work Monday after receiving emergency leave last Sun-

Other reports, including articles in the state-run Labour newspaper Dzien Ik Ludowy (People's Daily) which appeared for the first time since all but the Communist Party and army newspapers were suspended from pubhisting Monday, said that flights would leave Warsaw airport for London, Zurich and Paris.

The paper said the flights would allow more foreigners to leave Poland by air and pick up Poles "strauded" abroad when martial law was decreed.

Poland's national radio, restricted to one channel, also said that Poles over 60 could travel to other cities without restrictions beginning Sunday, and would be forgiven the demand of reporting their new place of if they stayed only over Christmas holidays and until Dec. 28.

But the authorities also said that all new year's eve balls and entertainments would be cancelled. The party daily Trybuna Ludu said that the army would not replace the "normal mechanisms of socialist democracy ... which, however, can be implemented and developed only in a strong state ruled by law."

"The sooner we understand this the shorter the road to normality will be," the paper said.

Poles appeared to be going

about their business as usual, and people flocked to pewer (hardcurrency) shops to purchase butties of alcohol after the authorities lifted a ban on its sale imposed last Sunday.

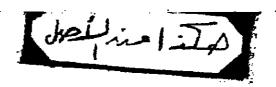
The authorities did not allow messages to enter Poland over the communications lines, however, and gave no indication when two-way information traffic would be restored.

The attitude of the authorities and their pronouncements in the official, media indicate that the martial law rulers may believe the first stage of the state of energency here has passed and that a second stage of stabilisation us

be beginning.
The official media reported Saturday that seven persons killed in mine violence Wednesday in the Wujec coal pit in Silesia were miners. Previous media reputs had identified the seven dead only as "persons" and did not specify their profession.

in a commentary entitled "biter warning," the army daily Id-nierz wolności said the struggle is which the destiny of the entire new ion is at stake has claimed vicinis seven miners' families are be eaved, deeply absorbed in greet in "The Polish language has 10

such words which could ease the pain felt by the widows and of hans and soothe their grief caused by the loss of their nearest. This why silence usually accompanies death," the paper said. Zobiet wolnosci went on to ask who we to blame for the deaths and theo said it was "those, who, as proved abundantly by documents for a long time had been engaged. preparations for a showdown with red rule, those, who, when their methods of struggle for power had failed, did not hesitate to try to unleash civil war and allow Polish blood to be spilled. L. Rose



ECONONY

OECD predicts sharp unemployment rise

mployment will increase sharply in major industrial countries next year as they slowly climb out of recession, according to a report published today.

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said in its half-yearly economic outlook that the prospects for Europe and Japan had changed little over the past six months, but the recession in the United States was more pro-

Policies of tight monetary control, high interest rates and slack demand for industrial goods meant that unemployment would rise from 25.75 million now to 28.25 million by the middle of next year with more than half the increase coming from North America, it said.

The organisation said 28.5 million people would be out of work by mid-1983, the end of its forecast period.

It expected the Gross National Product (GNP), the total output of goods and services, to rise 1.25 per cent in the OECD next year, unchanged from 1981. But it predicted the GNP would rise to an annual rate of three per cent in the first six months of 1983.

Economic growth The United States, which acc-

GENEVA, Dec. 22 (R) — Tex-

tiles negotiators today agreed on a

new Multifibre Arrangement set-

ting the framework for world

trade in clothing and fibres for the

next four years and seven months,

a spokesman of the General Agr-

(GATT) told reporters.

ediately available.

eement on Tariffs and Trade

Details of the Multifibre Arr-

angement (MFA) were not imm-

The new six-page MFA was

adopted at a meeting of GATT's

51-nation textiles committee after

weeks of wrangling between Third

World exporting countries and

industrialised nations, especially

the 10-nation European - Eco-

snomic Community (EEC) 95016.

The new arrangement setting

the rules for textile trade between

developing country exporters and

the industrialised states takes eff-

ect on Jan. 1. It was preceded

by two successive four-year arr-

angements, the latest of which

expires at the end of this month.

ounts for more than one third of total OECD production, would see its GNP fall 0.5 per cent next year after a 1.75 per cent increase in 1981. But output should rec-

over in 1983, the OECD said. It said its index of leading economic indicators showed that there was no immediate prospect of sustained recovery in North America. West Germany, Japan and France might have reached the bottom of their recession, but Italy had not, it said.

The 24 members of the organisation all tried to restrain demand to deal with oil price rises of 1979 and 1980. Most adopted policies of controlling the amount of money in circulation which have led to continuing high interest

The OECD said there was now deep disagreement over the effects of these policies and their tim-

It also said that significant bal-ance of payments differences, particularly between the United States and Japan, could heighten trade friction and increase pressures for protection of domestic industries.

Inflation outlook

The OECD predicted that tight monetary policies would cut inf-

GATT states conclude textile pact

kesman Felipe Jaramillo told rep-

orters that for practical reasons

the new pact would run for four

years and seven months instead of

five years as originally proposed. "It is better to finish in the sum-

Even as the new arrangement

was adopted, EEC representative

Horst Krenzler told the com-

mittee that forthcoming neg-

otiations between the community

and individual countries to set lim-

its for textile exports next year

would be at least as important as

The GATT spokesman quoted

Mr. Kreuzler as saying: "If it pro-

ves impossible to conclude sat-

istactory new bilateral agr-

eements, we shall be unable to

continue to participate in the

Mr. Krenzler added: "The

community will examine the sit-

uation and reassess its position

mer," he said.

the new MFA.

lation in the group over the next 18 months to around 8.25 per cent by the first half of 1983 from 9.5 per cent now and 11 per cent last

"Such a success has not, bowever, been obtained without a cost, at least in the sbort run, in terms of lost output and rising unemployment," it said.

A key question was whether workers would ask for larger wage rises when economic activity picks up again, it said.

If wage expectations had changed significantly, governments could achieve economic growth large enough to cut back unemployment. But present tight policies were likely to be continued if there were a wages explosion, the OECD said.

"Only if supply can be made

more responsive and inflation fur-

ther reduced will it be possible to

have the more rapid growth that is

required to start bringing une-

mployment down." U.S. interest rates

The economic outlook said the main uncertainties in the OECD area were the effects of high interest rates, particularly in the United States, and future developments in OECD trade with the countries of OPEC, the Org-

inst growing competition from

anisation of Petroleum Exporting 1980, it said. Countries.

The OECD believed U.S. interest rates would stay in double figures and above inflation up to mid-1983, and this would keep up interest rates in the rest of the

The OECD said it was unusual for rates to remain so high at a time of weak economic activity and it was not clear what effect this would have in the future.

It forecast domestic demand for goods rising one per cent next year and three per cent at the start of 1983 after a rise of 0.5 per cent in

Trade trends

Trade trends were difficult to forecast because of lower oil consumption and uncertainties over OPEC's spending behaviour, and the reaction of non-oil developing countries to their higher balance

of payments deficits. The organisation predicted however that changes in trade volumes and prices would cut the OECD's current account deficit to \$27 billion next year from 35 billion this year and 75 billion in

The OPEC surplus should drop to \$35 billion in 1982 from 60 billion this year and \$110 billion in

No free lunch

OECD Chief Economist Sylvia Ostry told a news conference the performance so far lent little support to the notion that tight monetary policy could reduce inflation without a significant deflation of demand and output.

'This is perhaps our most important conclusion-that there was unfortunately no free lunch," she

Asked whether governments should now move from restrictive to expansive economic policies, Dr. Ostry said the OECD's strategy to beat inflation and unemployment was "probably not optimal, but we don't think there is much room to manoeuvre on

In its report the OECD said: "In general it seems unlikely that the recovery foreseen for next year can be rapid in view of the continuing tightness of policy."

The report added that GNP in the OECD would need to grow at an average of at least three per cent over the next 18 months to stabilise unemployment at its 1981 second half level of 25.75 million people and prevent the forecast rise to 28.5 million.

BAHRAIN, Dec. 22 (R) — Iran and Iraq are planning to increase their crude oil exports and are taking steps to line up customers, the authoritative Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) reported in

its latest issue. Nicoisa-based MEES said the evidence was that Iran was energetically lobbying for customers. Tehran told OPEC oil ministers earlier this month in Abu Dhabi that its export target was two million barrels a day (b/d) during the coming year.

Iran is at present exporting around one million b/d, MEES said. It added that Iran's oil price was competitive following the OPEC meeting in Abu Dhabi where Tehran trimmed prices by 70 cents a barrel.

MEES said Iraq had also notified its customers it was cutting some of its crude prices by 50 cents a barrel.

Iraq was planning to increase its exports by 200,000 to 400,000 b/d from around 950,000 when a terminal at Tripoli in Lebanon was reopened in a few weeks time, MEES said.

Iran and Iraq's oil exports have been recovering gradually since they were cut off at the start of the Gulf war in September last year.

Abu Dhabi's production

Abu Dhabi plans to increase its crude oil production capacity to three million barrels a day (b/d) by the end of 1985 but would not necessarily boost actual output to that level, according to United Arab Emirates (UAE) Oil Min-

Iraq, Iran plan to boost oil exports

ister Mana Said Al Oteiba. MEES quoted him as saying in au interview that maximum output next year would be 1.07 million b/d, virtually unchanged from

Gulf oil analysts said UAE output was roughly 1.4 million b/d at present, including Abu Dhabi, Dubai and other emirates.

MEES said Abu Dhabi's present production capacity was difficult to estimate. Rated capacity was about 1.8 million b/d but usable, sustainable capacity was pro-bably not more than 1.3 to 1.4 million, it said.

Asked if Abu Dhabi would increase its production to the three

million b/d figure, Dr. Oteiba said: "This is a major political decision, I think. It will depend on prevailing conditions - some of them local and some external."

Dr. Otebia said Abu Dhabi was giving priority to natural gas exploration. He added that gas reserves in its Khuff zone could be "something enormous," but did

not elaborate.

Jordan Times

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

ONDON, Dec. 22 (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

1.8835/55 One sterling One U.S. dollar 1.1838/41 2.2720/40 2.4890/4940 1.8100/50 38_20/30 5.7450/7550 1211.00/1213.00

219.25/55

5.5770/5800

Canadian dollars West German marks **Dutch** guilders Swiss francs Belgian francs French francs Italian lire Japanese yen Swedish crowns

U.S. dollars

5.8470/8520 7.3850/3925 One ounce of gold 402.75/403.50

Norwegian crowns Danish crowns U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, Dec. 22 (R) - The market closed mixed with seasonal influences and weather considerations contributing to a low turnover, dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was down 1.5 at

Government bonds showed net rises of up to ¼ point on small buying interest spurred by yield considerations and the fact that payment for today's purchases is not due until next week, dealers added. Equities were a few pence easier and gold shares eased with the bullion price.

U.S. and Canadians were mixed but with an easier bias. Grand Metropolitan closed 12p higher at 188p after full year results above market expectations and Scottish and Newcastle Breweries ended 3p up at 51p following half year results.

Croda Intl. showed no change at 75p awaiting a formal statement from the Croda board on the bid worth 70p announced last week by Burmah oil. Burmah was 4p up at 125 and other leading oils showed movements of a penny or two either way. In mixed banks, Bank of Scotland rose 17p to 514 on bid

U.S. inflation dips to 6.2%

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (A.P.)

— Easing food and housing costs concerning the MFA in the early autumn of next year." held the inflation rate in the Uni-Negotiators had spent weeks ted States to a moderate 6.2 per trying to bridge the gap between Third World textile producers and cent annual pace in November, the government reported today. the EEC which is trying to shield its declining textile industry aga-

The modest rise virtually guarantees that this years' inflation rate will be the lowest in three

Gulf states discuss monetary cooperation

KUWAIT, Dec. 22 (A.P.) - Governors of central banks and mon-

of their countries' surplus petrodollars.

The conference was attended by delegations from Saudi Arabia, field of banking and finance."

etary institutions in seven Gulf states opened a two-day conference here today to discuss upgrading cooperation and coordination in monetary and financial fields. They were to explore ways of broadening their role in the recycling

Kuwait, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman. Addressing the opening session, the governor of Kuwait's central bank, Hamzah Abbas, said the meeting was aimed at "promoting cooperation and exchanging expertise between the seven states in the

He underlined the "responsibility of Gulf central banks in guiding and directing the banking profession in the region, as well as assisting commercial banks in carrying out their role in serving the economic

The November increase of 0.5 per cent in the consumer price index was the second slow advance in a row, and analysts expect the current recession will dampen consumer demands and help keep the rate down in the month's

abead. Through November, inflation--as measured by the labour department's consumer price index-ran at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 9.2 per cent. department officials said.

The new figures indicate that inflation for the year will almost certainly fall below double digits, compared with 12.4 per cent for 1980. If so, inflation would be running at the slowest pace since the 9 per cent of 1978. It was 13.3 per cent in 1979.

If the November rise of 0.5 per cent after seasonal adjustment held for 12 straight months, the

increase would be a compounded 6.2 per cent, the department said. The November rate was a little

and well below the 1.2 per cent advance in September and 0.8 per cent in August. The pickup in November was attributed to housing costs, which

above October's 0.4 per cent gain

rose 0.4 per cent after being unchanged in October and surging substantially in the previous five months, the new report said. Housing costs were boosted last month by higher home ownership

costs, reflecting a 1.9 per cent increase in mortgage interest rates, the report said. House prices fell. 0.8 per cent. Rental costs grew 0.7 per cent last month, about the same as in

the previous two months, the department said. Fuel oil prices rose modestly,

after declining in each of the previous 7 months, it said. Food and beverage costs rose a

small 0.2 per cent in November, the same as in October, the report said. Declines were registered in prices for beef, pork, poultry, fish

speculation and Lloyds fell 8p to 408p.

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. News in English ... Trapper Jones

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16:00 News Summary
16:03 Instrumentals
16:30 Old Favourites
17:00 French Pop Stars
17:30 Pop Session
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18:03 Story Time
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Kuala Lumpur venue for China-N. Zealand clash

ZURICH, Dec. 22 (R) -- China and New Zealand will meet in Kuala Lumpur on January 9 in the qualifying play-off to fill the last place in the 1982 World Cup soccer finals in Spain, the organisers

The International Football Federation (FIFA) added that Brazil would supply the referee and linesmen.

New Zealand beat Saudi Arabia 5-0 in Riyadh on Saturday to share second place with China, behind Kuwait, in the Asia-Oceania qualifying group. The countries finished level on points and goal difference.

Russian sets weightlifting records

MOSCOW, Dec. 22 (R) — Soviet weightlifter Adam Saidullayev set three world records in the midheavyweight class (90kg) at a tournament in Donetsk today.

Saidullayev, 25, lifted 186 kilos in the snatch to beat by half a kilo the previous best snatch recorded

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Australian team outsails opponents in Southern Cross Cup yacht race

SYDNEY, Dec. 22 (A.P.) — The Australian yachting team which performed so poorly in the Admirals' Cup this year made a determined bid to rehabilitate itself in the Southern Cross Cup today.

The Southern Cross Cup is Australia's equivalent of the Admirals' Cup and for the first time an Australian national team is com-

The team is the same which finished equal eighth in the Admirals' Cup -- Hitchhiker, Apollo V and Ragamuffin.

The Australian team outsailed the opposition to top score in the third race of the Southern Cross Cup today a 180 nautical mile ocean race which finished late in the afternoon.

From fourth in teams' standings, the Australian team now looks certain to lead the points score going into the final race of the series, the Hitachi Sydney to Hobart race starting on Saturday.

Hitchhiker, owned by Perth millionaire Peter Briggs and skippered by Noel Roberts, is provisional winner of the race although only one third of the yachts had finished at 2000 hours

Provisional placings of the first ten yachts which seem unlikely to change, place Hitchhiker first from the British yacht Yeoman XXIII skippered by Robin Aisher. In third and fourth places are

Hitchhiker's team mates, Apollo

V skippered by John Bertrand and

Ragamuffin (Syd Fischer).

Then in order of provisional placings are Wee Willie Winkie (Britain), Challenge (Victoria), X-Ragamuffin (Papua New Guinea), Battlestar (Hong Kong) and the Victorian yachts Black Magic and Sea-U-Later.

At that stage only two complete teams had finished the race, Australia and Victoria.

With little likelihood of any major change in the top placings. the Australian team has totalled 180 points in the double scoring race to bring their total to 323 points.

The Victorian team has scored 154 points to bring its total to 311 and lose the lead in teams' standings. At 2000 AEDT only two of the

British yachts had finished and none of the New South Wales team had crossed the line. The 180 nautical mile race which started yesterday took the

fleet on a course north to Bird Island, near Norah Head then south to Flinders Island off Port Kembla and back to Sydney harbour. The smaller yachts in the fleet were unlikely to finish until late

ounced until tomorrow. Police Car, sailing for Western Australia retired from the race with a broken cap shroud.

which means that points for the

race will not be officially ann-

Backlog of matches worries **English football officials**

LONDON, Dec. 22 (A.P.) - Tottenham Hotspur soccer manager Keith Burkinshaw this week called on the soccer authorities to reorganise the English season.

Burkinshaw is in favour of a mid-winter break to minimise the chances of the current chaos caused by icy conditions and heavy

More than 150 English and Scottish matches have been postponed over the past two weeks and last weekend only nine senior games were played.

The Christmas programme is likely to be heavily affected. Snow is forecast for Christmas day and with full fixture lists scheduled for Saturday and Monday the League and Football Association (FA) Cup both could fall further behind schedule.

"It is about time we talked about reorganising our schedule." said Burkinshaw.

"We're mucking about with undersoil heating and artificial pitches but they're not the answer. If the weather is too bad the fans

won't come anyway." "I'd call the season off for two months and then extend it to the end of July. Then we would produce better players if they played on better surfaces."

A Football Association spokesman today described the backlog of matches as "very wor-

He pointed out that the football league season finishes just a month before the start of the World Cup finals and any extension would interfere with England's World Cup preparations. "Clubs could well be playing

two games a week for the rest of the season to catch up," he added. One club completely unworried about the freezing weather is second division Queen's Park Rangers -- the only club in Britain with

an all-weather pitch. Rangers manager Terry Venables has no problems with his teams' home fixtures and has offered other clubs Rangers' ground. "Any club is welcome to play its games at Loftus Road," he said. "We wouldn't hesitate to make

didn't cut across our fixtures." Tottenham boss Burkinshaw is one manager who won't be taking

up that offer. He is one of the stemest critics of the controversial playing surface.

the pitch available -- as long as it

"I wouldn't like to play any match on Rangers' pitch if I could help it - whatever the weather," said Burkinshaw.

IAAF considers moving cross country venue

ROME, Dec. 22 (A.P.) - The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) is considering the possibility of moving the world cross country championships from Warsaw to Madrid or Rome because of the Polish crisis, President Primo Nebiolo said here today.

will be able to stage the championships, but it is a difficult crisis and, although with regret, we have considered a couple of altematives," Nebiolo said.

take place in any case as scheduled on March 21.

"If the Poles say they can do it, they will be in Warsaw. We will wait until the end of January, and at that stage, if it's necessary, we will decide whether to go to Madrid or Rome."

"We sincerely hope that Poland

He said the championships will

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NEW DELHI, Dec. 22 (A.P.) — Trailing 0-1, England starts the

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Declarer rufts and leads the king of spades. You win the ace. How do you continue?

All that you can do is in congratulate declarer on making his game. Declare wins any return (he ruffs a heart in his hand), finesses the ten of spades, draws the last trumps and claims the rest of the tricks.

So, you say, declarer was lucky to find spades 3.3 with the jack onside. Never theless, you made a critical mistake when you won his king of spades with the acel

Look what would have happened had you allowed declarer to hold the king of spades. Deciarer must draw trumps, so he continues with a low spade. You play the jack and the queen wins But now there is no way for declarer to make his game.

If declarer plays another trump, that exhausts trumps from all hands. You win and cash your last heart for a one. trick set. But declarer is no better off if he does not draw the last round of trumps. He can start to run his diamonds, but East will ruft the third round with his remaining trump, and you will still get your ace of

trumps - down one again, The auction is the key to your defense. You can tell from the bidding that South almost surely has a four-card spade suit. Therefore, your partner must have started with three trumps. If you keep control of the tramp suit, declarer is forced to box the knee.

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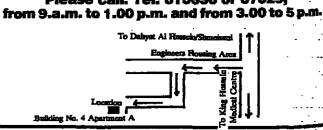
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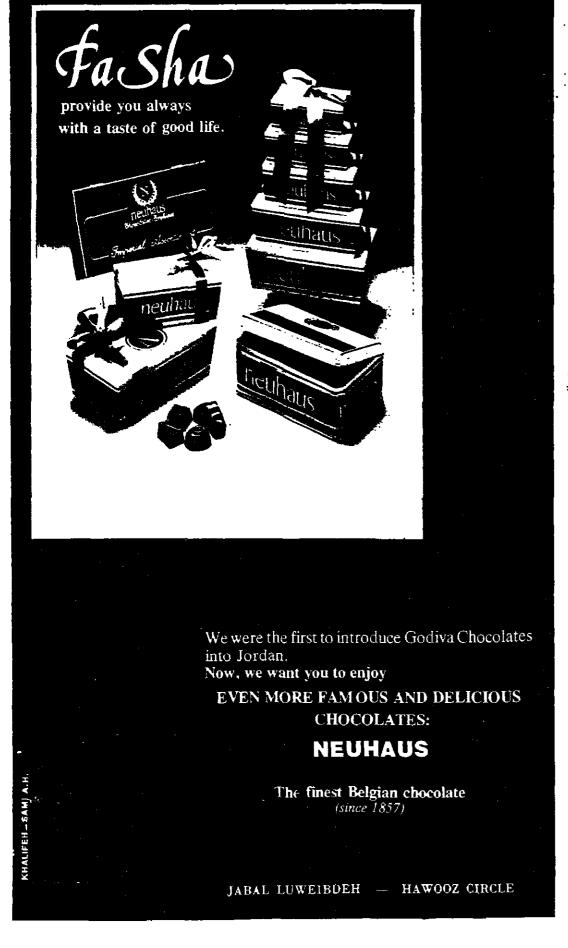
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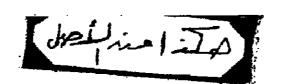
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Employment and population (Part 1)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the first part of a paper, presented by Minister of Labour Jawad Anani at a conference of Asian parliamentarians on population and development, held in the Chinese capital of Peking in October.

Employment and population

THE RELATION between the two variables under study, namely population and employment, is a multi-faceted one and renders itself to lengthy and inexhaustible investigation. In this article however, emphasis shall be laid on some of the basic issues with an attempt to offer some reflections on their importance. Among such issues are rural urban migration, education, international immigration and the use of technology.

One must warn at the outset however, that population issues are usually engulfed in emotional reactions. A topic like birth control, for instance, arouses negative, reactions in certain regions either on religious, political or military considerations. Recognising the vitality of population control, this paper shall refrain from explicit handling of the topic, particularly that it has and still receives a great deal of attention on all country, regional and international levels.

Theoretical background

TO CLASSICAL economists, such as Smith. Ricardo, Marx and Malthus, the development effort was basically a race between two horses: population and technology. Although they admired the role played by technological advancement, their gloomy expectations predicted that population

would be the winner. While Adam Smith and David Ricardo predicted stagnation, Karl Marx preached revolution of the labour class and Thomas Malthus warned that poverty, starvation and malnutrition would prevail. The particular pronunciations of Malthus became in vogue throughout the first half of the 19th century. It is interesting to point out at this juncture that the ideas of Malthus generated a gloomy mood about the future of man -- a hungry. unwitty and fragile creature. In response, the horror classic story of Frankenstein, the mad phy-

sician who wanted to create the

perfect man, found great success

with the readers in Europe and the

United States.

As for the exact relation between labour and population, the classic economists treated them as proxies for each other. They did so under the assumption that labour constituted a fixed portion of population. Such an assumption was later proved to be erroneous because the participation rate in the labour force varied from one country to another, and from one period to another, depending on birth rate, population geographical distribution, women participation, work age, etc. In the classical world, it was assumed that the investment size determined the size of employment. This naturally is still a valid point with two exceptions. First, that investment can be strongly capital

intensive and thus its job-creation potentiality is curtailed. Second, it was assumed in the classical economic literature that labour was homogeneous, a definition which undermines the importance of training.

Until the 1960's, the idea of generating economic growth based on technological dualism was accepted as a proper course to take. In this theory, it was assumed that developing countries consisted of two sectors: one technologically advanced (industry) and the other lagging behind (agriculture). Agriculture was assumed to suffer from disguised unemployment and thus if the extra labour in agriculture is induced to industry, then both sectors will benefit and economic development will ensue. This theory which was basically derived from the western European experience during the Industrial Revolution is no longer valid to present-day developing countries. has been demonstrated with a high degree of certainty that massive rural/urban migration has not alleviated the unemployment problem, but has rather aggravated it, while agricultural output declined.

Since the oil crisis of 1973, most of the developing world entered into the stagflation syndrome -- a disease combining inflation and recession. Efforts to remedy the situation by available paradigms have failed to resolve the crisis. and the world since has been embarking on myopic dis-integrated policies with each country seeking to attend to its own problems in isolation. It is non sequitur to argue that oil was behind the crisis, but oil was the catalyst which showed how fragmented efforts have been in acknowledging and combatting major world economic challenges.

The world at large now lives in a post-Malthusian era. Most inter-

national and regional forums dealing with population problems tend to be pessimistic. The Brandt Commission Report, the Colombo Declaration, the Club of Rome Declaration, ILO reports. etc., tend to share the view that world population is heading iowards astronomical magnitudes which current production and distribution systems can not cope with. Although some reports note with pleasure the decline in birth rates, they still stress the fact that food shortages, unemployment and poverty will persist.

The basic issues

THE CONTINUOUS growth in population seems to be the strongest constraint on employment. This adverse result stems basically from two major sets of facts. First, population growth enhances consumption and decreases savings required to create labour absorptive activities. High birth rates biases population distribution in favour of the age cohorts below fifteen, raises the dependency ratio and applies pressures on governments' budgets to direct more resources to meet basic needs. Second, most governments are constitutionally required to find jobs for their citizens. In highly populated areas, the application of such an ordinance means overstaffing and windowdressing at the expense of efficiency. As a result, continuous population growth generates forces within the system which work in opposite direction with the efforts aiming at alleviating the problem. In most countries, public policy finds itself forced to meet emergent situations with short-run measures that may prove to be self-defeating in the long-run. This intertemporal trade-off will continue to harrass planner in developing countries for some time to come.

As a result of the situation, continuous rise in population and its impact on employment have caused certain major issues to become of paramount importance. To these issues the discussion will now turn.

Rural-urban migration

THE PROLIFERATION in the number of large cities in the world and the increase in their respective populations are phenomena which must be reckoned with. There is a continuous influx of migrants who leave the rural areas in pursuit of the promise of jobs and better lives in the larger cities. However, the result of such movement has been the creation of slums, widespread poverty and high rates of unemployment and underemployment. As a result many governments face the difficult paradox of alleviating the deteriorating conditions in cities which creates further inducement for more migration. In addition, the allocations designed to improve production in the rural cities are gradually decreasing and pushing more people to move

cityword. In the early stages of ruralurban migration the benefits outweighed the ill-effects. The budding industry in the city was able to furnish job opportunities to the newcomers. However, it was found that people leaving their villages required training, housing, social services, schooling. The supply of such services created more jobs for the newcomers. This process went on as long as the availability of financial resources was guaranteed. Once such resources became scarce, and population in cities exploded to astronomical levels, the two-horn dilemma set itself into operation. While politically the city population could apply pressure to improve their living conditions.

expansion of economic activity in the village and rural areas to expand economic activity and job opportunities.

Due to a complex set of circumstances Jordan, has passed through the same stages. In 1952, the population of Jordan was barely 1.5 million, 60 per cent of whom lived in villages, remote areas and agrarian communities. In 1980, the population of Jordan (East Bank alone), is 2.2 million of whom 80 per cent live in four main cities. In Amman and the surrounding areas more than 57 per cent of the population live. Such a skewed distribution was basically generated by migratory waves throughout the last 33 years. Some waves were caused by the two Arab-Israeli wars of 1948 and 1967, while others were natural developments.

The result of such migration was the decline in the relative weight of agriculture to total gross domestic product (GDP) from 60 per cent in 1952 to about 13 per cent in 1980. The cost of maintaining the population in the cities and the agricultural product has been very high indeed. Had it not been for the employment opportunities available in neighbouring Arab countries and the intensification of agriculture in the Jordan Valley, Jordan would have been suffering tremendously from chronic umemployment and a very low food production. Although Jordan imports about 70 per cent of its food needs, it still exports surplus seasonal agricultural products to other Arab coun-

A situation like this can be potentially explosive particularly job availability in neighbouring Arab countries was curtailed by one reason or another, or if there was a sudden return-home move by thousands of Jordanian workers there. In order to expand the

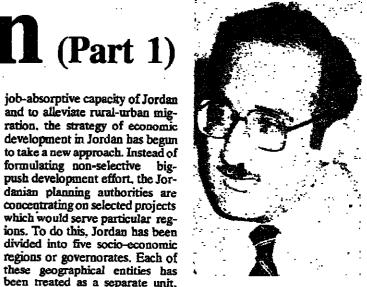
and to alleviate rural-urban migration, the strategy of economic development in Jordan has begun to take a new approach. Instead of formulating non-selective bigpush development effort, the Jordanian planning authorities are concentrating on selected projects which would serve particular regions. To do this, Jordan has been divided into five socio-economic regions or governorates. Each of these geographical entities has been treated as a separate unit. and planning experts from reputable international institutions have been called upon to study such regions. Each team concentrated on one region and prepared, in cooperation with their

staking survey of the attributes, sources, needs, projects, availability of manpower within each region. At the end of each study there was a list of the most feasible projects within each region. Once these studies were completed, the Ministerial Development Committee, one of Jordan's permanent cabinet committees, discussed the papers with the regional committee until a package of projects was prepared and approved. Such projects were then included in the Five-year plan document covering the period 1981-1985. Additional administrative

Jordanian counterparts, a pain-

measures were also taken to give this new approach a better chance of success. The Ministry of Rural Municipal and Affairs formulated a new regional planning department which is entrusted with the task of finalising plans, supervising the implementation of projects, producing up-to-date follow-up reports, and working closely with both the National Planning Council and the respective local governments to iron out any difficulties in the process of implementation.

In addition to administrative



steps, certain complementary legislative amendments are under discussion. The "Local Governments Law" is now being completely reconsidered so as to allow for more decentralisation and give the local authorities more power to act on their regional problems and projects. In another step, the government is now revising both the "Income Tax Law" and the 'Encouragement of Investment Law" in order to give more concessionary privileges to projects erected in rural areas. A project in rural areas may enjoy up to twelve years tax exemption in addition to generous tariff exemptions for the import contents of the project.

Thus when one talks about the relation between population and employment in the context of internal migration, one finds that the negative outcomes can not be treated in isolation. The remedy for ill-effects of city congestion and rural poverty must come as part and parcel of the whole macrodevelopment effort. Such an effort, however, must strategica!lv adopt the deliberate aim of improving the quality of life in rural areas. This approach furnishes a reasonable way out of the vicious circle of continuous migration to cities which yields pressure to improve life in cities to the extent that would bring forth more migrants to the cities.

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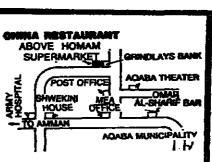
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WORLD

Poles continue to defy martial law

VIENNA, Dec. 22 (Agencies) -Thousands of Polish workers defied their new military rulers today as reports reaching the West described harsh treatment for political prisoners, persistent strikes and a contingency plan for Soviet bloc intervention.

Sources in constant touch with Poland under martial law pinpointed the sealed-off city of Radom as a major centre of resistance to the 10-day-old military takeover

Pope John Paul spoke of "deathly shadows" threatening peace in the land of his birth.

As Western anxiety mounted, a spokesman in Stockholm for the embattled Solidarity trade union said usually reliable sources had informed him that Soviet and Czechoslovak troops were on alert to intervene in Poland's most troubled regions.

Reports from other sources which could not be named said Roman Catholic priests were among Polish detainees being held in freezing open-air camps where there had already been cases of frostbite and even gangrene.

Warsaw Radio confirmed for the first time that strikers were occupying the big Huta Katowice steel mill in the industrial Silesian. region of the south. Western sources say 8,000 workers have barricaded themselves inside the

Radio Warsaw reported that nearly 3,000 Polish miners have controlled two mines in the Silesian coal fields since last Tuesday. It broadcast an appeal to miners to break their strike and go home for Christmas.

"Christmas is near. Your families are awaiting you." the broadcast said. Government authorities said they were trying to talk the miners out rather than have a repeat of last week's violence in Wojek, which left seven miners dead. Church sources said it appeared the government strategy was to allow the miners to stay underground until they come out on their own.

Curfew relaxed

Meanwhile, the curfew in the Gdansk region, lengthened after bloody street battles last week, has now been shortened to eight hours because security conditions in the baltic port area have improved, Warsaw Radio reported.

The curfew was extended at the

U.S. planes help out in Chad

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (R) — U.S. planes

have flown into Chad with supplies and personnel

for an African peacekeeping force, the State Dep-

artment said last night. Spokesman Dean Fischer

said that in the past 10 days the United States had

flown supplies from Kinshasa to the Chad capital

of N Djamena for a Zaire contingent being dep-

loyed as part of a force from the Organisation of

African Unity (OAU). He said the United States

had also flown in a Kenyan and Zambian observer

group and equipment from Nairobi and was pre-

paring a cargo of supplies for a Nigerian con-

tingent. The OAU peacekeeping force is due to

take over from Libvan troops which had been in

Chad to back the government against the rebel

forces of former defence minister Hissene Habre.

Mr. Fischer said it was understood that the main

body of the Libyan force had been withdrawn.

LONDON, Dec. 22 (R) — Seventeen monarchist

and rightist opponents of Ayatollah Ruhollah

Khomeini's regime were executed vesterday on the orders of military tribunals in several cities, a Tehran newspaper reported today. The new-spaper Kayhan said most were members of the

monarchist groups Saman and Pars. dedicated to

overthrowing Ayatollah Khomeini and bringing

the late Shah's son Reza Pahlavi to power. Kav-

han said five of the monarchists were junior army

and police officers who went before a firing squad

in the northwest city of Orumiyeh after an Islamic

military court found them guilty of plotting aga-

inst the clergy-led government. Firing squads in

Tehran and western city of Sanandaj also exe-

cuted several civilians and some military per-

sonnel for involvement in a coup plot which was

17 Iranians executed

end of last week to 10 hours, from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., after two days of clashes between strikers and police in which official reports said more than 300 people were inj-

Walesa in 'good conditions'

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa has been visited in detention by a Roman Catholic priest, who held a mass with him yesterday, and by his wife and children, Warsaw Radio reported.

The radio quoted Polish govemment spokesman Jerzy Urban as saying Mr. Walesa was in Warsaw, "enjoyed good conditions" and had access to radio, press and television.

The spokesman was answering questions at a press conference in Warsaw today, the radio said.

There had been conflicting reports about Mr. Walesa's whe-

reabouts, conditions and health.

Aviation links restored

In another development, Poland unexpectedly restored the link between the Polish aviation system and the world's largest aviation communications network. officials said.

"There was no warning. We just suddenly noticed that the circuit was restored, and we resumed traffic," said an official at SITA, the Societe Internationale de Telecommunication Aeronautique in Copenhagen.

The official, who asked that his name not be used, said the link came up at two minutes after midnight (2302 GMT Monday). Along with most other communications from Poland, the SITA link was severed with the advent of martial law on Dec. 13.

SITA is a private link among airlines and aviation authorities around the world. It handles message traffic involving passengers, operations and other aeronautical

Soviet, Czech troops stand by

In Stockholm, Solidarity's spokesman said he had heard from usually reliable sources that Soviet and Czechosłovak troops had been assigned to help Polish forces crush worker resistance to martial

Spokesman Jacob Swiecicke told Reuters the report suggested

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Agca goes on

hunger strike

that Soviet troops would be used in the Baltic ports, where serious disturbances were believed to be continuing, while Czechoslovak soldiers would support Polish security forces in Silesia near the border with Czechoslovakia. '

Mr. Swiecicke said he had been told that the "support action" would probably be launched on Dec. 26, the day after Christmas.

Pope briefed on situation

In Vatican City, Pope John Paul was given a first-hand account of the crisis in his homeland today from the Secretary of the Polish Bishops Conference who arrived in Rome last night, Vatican sources said.

Bishop Bronislaw Dabrowski, a close collaborator of the Primate of Poland, Archbishop Jozef Glemp, was received by the Pope for a first meeting after midnight. Their talks resumed early today. the sources said.

For more than a week the 61year-old pontiff has been cut off from contact with the church in Poland. He has been unable to communicate directly with the Polish primate since martial law was proclaimed on Dec. 13.

Bishop Dabrowski is the highest-ranking Polish church official to be allowed to leave Poland since the state of emergency was imposed.

Reagan meets defected envoy

In Washington, President Ronald Reagan said the people of Poland probably are proud that their ambassador to the United States defected in protest of the military crackdown in his country.

Mr. Reagan met in the oval office with former ambassador Romuald Spasowski and his wife, two days after it was announced that the diplomat and his family had been granted asylum.

"I'm very proud that he's here in this office." Mr. Reagan said. "I think we're in the presence of a very courageous man and woman who have acted on the highest of principle.

The United States' major dockworkers' union announced today. its members would refuse to handle Polish cargo.

The president of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA), Thomas Gleason. said the dockworkers would make an exception for "recognised cha-

ASCOLI PICENO, Italy, Dec. 22 (R) - Mehmet

Ali Agea, the Turk who shot and seriously wou-

nded Pope John Paul last May, has begun a hunger

strike which he announced five months ago, acc-

ording to prison sources. Agea, 23, said during his

trial before an Italian court in July he would start a

hunger strike on Dec. 20 if he was not retried by a

Vatican tribunal. The Turkish extremist is serving

a life sentence in a top security jail near this Adr-

iatic town and staged sporadic hunger strikes in

October and November. Prison sources said Agea

told his warders that this time his strike was ser-

ious. Agea told the court he insisted on being tried

by a Vatican tribunal because he committed the

attack against the Pope in St. Peter's Square.

which forms part of the independent Vatican City

State. Pope John Paul, who took four months to recover from the injuries, has repeatedly said that

Liz Taylor, husband to separate

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (R) — Actress Elizabeth

Taylor and her sixth husband, U.S. Sen. John

Warner, have agreed to separate, a spokeswoman

for the couple said last night. The spokeswoman,

Chen Sam, said in a statement that each "accepts

this change in their relationship with sadness but

with no bitterness between them." Miss Sam said

neither Miss Taylor nor Sen. Warner intended to

seek a divorce at present and would be together

for Christmas in California, Miss Taylor, 49, plans

to devote her time to founding a repertory com-

pany called the "Elizabeth Taylor Repertory."

he has forgiven his attacker.

U.K. Labour suffers another defection serious threat to the entrenched

two-party system.

Mr. Davies, 52, a barrister and

former chairman of the Welsh

Tourist Board, said he felt Labour

was no longer able to serve as an

effective opposition or a viable

He said the party was divided in

alternative government.

LONDON, Dec. 22 (R) — Britain's opposition Labour Party. torn by quarrels between moderate and left-wing factions, suffered another setback today when one more member of parliament defected to the fledging Social Democrats.

Weishman Edynfed Hudson Davies said the Labour Party had become "a two-headed monster bent on devouring itself' and announced he was quitting to become the 28th Social Democrat in the 635-seat House of Commons. He was the 26th Labour par-

fishing boats in the Namibian (South West African) port of liamentarian to desert to the Soc-Walvis Bay have applied for polial Democratic Party (SDP), itical asylum in South Africa. Intwhich has formed an alliance with emal Affairs Minister Chris Heuthe Liberals and is emerging as a

Reduce heat of tensions. Brezhnev urges Reagan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (A.P.) -- The Soviet Union and the United States should abandon "the senseless arms race" and "return to the path of normal relations." says Soviet President Leonid Bre-

rity wishing to deliver emergency

mercial food shipments and other

cargo shipped on any vessel bound

for or coming from Poland, Mr.

Gleason said. He estimated ann-

ual U.S. shipments to Poland at

Seamen seek asylum

Thirty nine Polish seamen from

2.5 to three million tonnes.

nis said in Pretoria.

The boycott includes com-

medical and/or food supplies."

Responding to written questions from NBC chief diplomatic correspondent Marvin Kalb, the Soviet leader said the current arms negotiations the two nations are holding in Geneva "will determine whether the danger of outbreak of nuclear war will increase or decrease.

Mr. Brezhnev, the network said, expressed a concern that his country and the United States are sliding toward a confrontation. "The dangerous zeal in stepping up the arms race must be curbed." he said.

"It is necessary to reduce the heat of the tensions, to extinguish the dangerous hotbeds of crisis situations, to ahandon the policy of the senseless arms race and to return to the path of normal relations between states he said.

"Artificial obstacles" are preventing the improvement of U.S.-Soviet relations. said Mr. Brezhnev, adding that his country is ready to resume strategic arms control negotiations, according to

"It would be far better for our countries if such obstacles were removed and did not ever emerge altogether." said Mr. Brezhnev. He did not explain what the artificial obstacles are.

The Soviet President said he

Warsaw Pact

rocket launched

MOSCOW, Dec. 22 (A.P.) -

The Soviet Union and five of its

Warsaw Pact allies launched a

satellite to study the Earth's

atmosphere and ionosphere,

TASS reported today. The

Vertikai-10 rocket was lau-

nched yesterday from "the ter-

ritory of the European part of

the USSR on medium latitudes

and carried scientific gear pro-

duced in Bulgaria, Hungary,

Poland, Romania, Cze-

choslovakia and the Soviet

Union, the official Soviet news

agency said.

to a height of 1,510 kilometres'

hopes there will be a summit meemeeting to be successful."

ting between himself and President Ronald Reagan, but, reflecting a view also held by Mr. Reagan, he added, "Adequate preparation is necessary for such a

PNA said the military ult-

imatum was contained in 2,000

the slopes of a 1280-metre mou-

ntain in North Cotabato Province

where the terrorists were rep-

ortedly surrounded by an est-

year, for nationwide strikes that disrupted industry in the months hanned Turkish Communist Party.

Manila sets deadline for terrorist gang

Union lawyers to attend

Turkish dissidents' trial

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22 (R) - Four lawyers representing the Int-

ernational Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) left today

for Istanbul to observe the trial of 52 senior Turkish trade unionists

charged with being revolutionaries, the ICFTU said in a statement.

in September last year and 2,000 other trade unionists face trials in

Military authorities have blamed Disk, which was the second-

largest labour grouping in the country before it was suspended last

The authorities have also accused disk of being an arm of the

The four lawyers come from Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Italy,

face the death penalty at their trial which opens on Thursday. Most of the accused have been in prison since the military takeover

the coming months, the Brussels-based confederation said.

The trade unionists, belonging to the trade union federation Disk,

imated 1,000 troopers. MANILA, Dec. 22 (A.P.) - Say-The bank robbers were ideing they wanted to spend a "merry ntified by military authorities as Christmas," military authorities members of the Moro National today gave a 37-man terrorist Liberation Front (MNLF) fighting band which held up four southern for self-rule in the Mindanao reg-Philippines banks a 24-hour ultion 800 kilometres south of Manimatum to surrender and release their 11 hostages, the Philippine News Agency (PNA) reported.

PNA did not say what action the military would take if their ultimatum was not heeded. The leaflet said: "You are comleaflets dropped by helicopters on

pletely surrounded and have no chance to escape. We know you are all weak and some wounded. We do not want to harm anyone anymore. You surrender with the

hostages... Your deadline is at 12 noon Dec. 23, 1981. We all want to spend a merry Christmas with

a way that could not be remedied

by an appeal for unity and coo-

peration. But he felt expulsion or

exclusion of left-wing radicals

"These are unacceptable met-

hods in a political party and, in any case, will be too late," Mr. Davies

would be wrong.

The gang staged simultaneous raids on four banks in Digos Town, near Cotabato, last Wednesday, taking cash and equipment valued at 1.7 million pesos (\$212,500). They also seized a total of 23 hostages, 12 of whom either escaped or were released.

Two of the gunmen were later wounded in a clash with troopers as the gang fled into the mountainous Cotabato interior.

Alan Paton 'doesn't pull any punches' in latest blockbuster on South Africa

By Robert Weller The Associated Press

.JOHANNESBURG — Alan Paton's first novel in 28 years, "Ah, But Your Land is Beautiful." is a far more political work than the novel that made him an instant celebrity, "Cry, the Beloved Country."

Interviewed shortly before the book was published. Paton called it a "pretty thorough account of what South Africa was like from 1952 to 1958 and doesn't pull any punches."

Paton seems to have created some of the novel's characters to represent the spectrum of political views at the time that the structure of apartheid was built. Some are real, however, includ-

ing the late Chief Albert Luthuli, the leader of the banned African National Congress (ANC) who was awarded the Nobel Peace prize in 1960. Paton, himself, appears to be

the inspiration for Robert Mansfield, a popular former member of the South African national cricket team, who forms the Liberal

Unlike Paton, who suffered abuse for his anti-apartheid views during the 1950s, Mansfield flees to Australia after shooting and bombing attacks on his home. Paton stayed on.

Paton says he created some "good Afrikaners" for his book because "If you paint all Afrikaners bad, then naturally your book is likely to be banned."

These "good Afrikaners" include the bureaucrat van Onselen and his aunt, Trina, both National Party members. Both begin to question the wisdom of apartheid as the book progresses. Van Onselen, however, pre-

pares the way for the second book in the planned trilogy by placing his faith in "Dr. Hendrik" to solve the problems of the future.

"Dr. Hendrik" is thinly veiled caricature of assassinated prime minister Hendrik Verwoerd, architect of apartheid.

Van Onselen quotes "Dr. Hendrik" as predicting that the homelands policy -- aimed at shifting the black majority to rural tribal reserves away from white cities -will begin working well in 1976.

In fact, that was the year of the massive uprising in Soweto, the black township outside Johannesburg.

Paton's characters suffer the indignities of "Dr. Hendrik's" laws, including expropriation of land, arbitrary termination of a marriage across the colour bar and prohibitation of racial mixing in libraries, churches services and

funerals. Curiously, the only tragic scene that measures up to the heartbreak of "Cry, the Beloved Country," is the suicide of a leading Afrikaner nationalist caught while trying to seduce a black woman.

The nationalist, Dr. Jan Woltemade Fischer, is cradled in his mothers arms. dying. She says, "My kind, my arme kind." The English translation is, "My child, my poor child."

Paton goes on to write: "Ah, But Your Land is Beautiful, Cruel And Beautiful."

He has told interviewers that he chose the book's title because the words are often used by visitors who prefer not to answer too candidly questions about this complex

Another found alive under Iraqi embassy debris in Beirut

BEIRUT, Dec. 22 (R) - Res. cue teams digging through the rubble of the Iraqi embass, destroyed in a massive em. losion a week ago, found one of its staff still alive today, an off. icial announcement said. Irai sources identified the man Mohammad Abbas Flein embassy official. They said that this gave rise to hope that other survivors might still be build under the wreckage of the instorey building. Another emb. assy official was found alive on Friday but he died in hosmal two days later. A pro-lian Baath Party spokesman said Sunday that 20 people were known to have died in the blag and another 27 were thought to be buried in the debris.

Rescuers had earlier succeeded in digging their way to the office of the ambassador, Abdul Razzak Mohammad Lafta, but he is still missing,

Ankara cabinet undergoes changes

ANKARA, Dec. 22 (R) -Turkish Prime Minister Bulend Ulusu today changed four ministers in the first reshuffle of his cabinet since it was formed eight days after the military takeover in September las year. An official ann. ouncement said the changes affected the ministries of industry and technology, customs and monopolies, energy and natural resources and health.

Former Indian army chief named as envov

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22 (A.P.) -Gen. Om Prakash Malhona, who retired earlier this year as chief of the Indian army staff, has been named ambassador to Indonesia, the government announced. Gen. Malhotra, 59, succeeds Ambassador S.K. Bhutani. Gen. Malhotra's predecessor as army chief, the late Gen. T.N. Ruina, also turned diplomat on his retirement. He became Indian high commissioner in Canada and died in Ottawa last year.

Abdus Sattar to visit S. Arabia

DACCA, Dec. 22 (A.P.) -President Abdus Sattar stepped up plans to visit Saudi Arabia by a week and is now scheduled to leave Dec. 26, it was officially announced loday. This will be Mr. Sattar's first visit overseas since his election Nov. 15.

Hinckley trial postponed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (R) - A judge has postponed the trial of John W. Hinckley Jr. charged with trying to assassinate President Reagan outside a Washington hotel last March 30, a Justice Department official said today. He said the trial, due to open on Jan. 4, had been delayed because of a government appeal on a lower court ruling barring the use in the trial of documents seized from Hinckley's prison cell and statements be made on the day of his arrest. The government wants to use the material to counter Hinckley's claim that he was insane at the time of the shooting.

Chadian refugees still see trouble around

By James Dalgleish Reшет

eroun — Tens of thousands of Chadian refugees live here in huts of plaited straw and plastic sheeting in sight of the homes they have decided to desert for

Relief workers said 100,000 Chadians had fled to this huge camp, built on a formerly snakeinfested swamp, now dusty and barren, during a rebellion a year

ces of former defence minister Hissene Habre out of Chad's capital of N'Djamena, but 50,000 Chadian refugees still remain in this camp.

Chad, the relief workers told Reuters, either because of associations with Mr. Habre's forces Armees du Nord (FAN) or simply for fear strife may erupt again in their war-shattered capital, just across the Chari River.

21 years of independence from France. Its fledgling Armee Nationale Integree and troops loyal to President Goukouni Oueddei and Foreign Minister Ahmat Acyl are waging a counter-offensive against the FAN in eastern Chad while an Organisation of African Unity (OAU) peacekeeping force prepares to spread out over Chad to ensure peace and stability.

Only a census could determine the exact number of refugees in this unfenced camp, officials said, and informed sources said hundreds of Chadians crossed the Chari every day to seek food, work and relatives in N Djamena.

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), which runs the camp along with Cameroun and Chad. transferred food distribution from Kouserri, to N'Djamena last Oct- anisation for the UNHCR. ober to encourage Chadians to go home, the sources said.

Cameroun plans to resettle those refugees determined to stay in a new camp to be built at Poli, more than 400 kilometres south of Kouserri, officials said.

The move to Poli is scheduled to begin in mid-January when the new arrivals will have to start from scratch, installing power and water and setting up farms, they

Meanwhile, the refugees scrape a living as best they can, selling firewood. cigarettes and food. One man selling petrol in lemonade bottles at the roadside said he was a civil servant in N Djamena until "the troubles." In N'Djamena, a 100 CFA

franc (35 cent) ride away in one of the scores of pirogues (dugout canoes) which ply the muddy Chari from dawn to dusk, a private refugee relief body dispense food and processes returning Chadians with almost military precision.

A Reuter correspondent watched hundreds of repatriated Chadians patiently wait in line for their monthly family ration of a sack of American sorghum, bottles of Chadian cotton oil for cooking and tins of German herring at one of 12 distribution centres in N'Djamena run by a refugee org-

Sometimes wheat, comflour, millet, sardines, corned beef, tea, sugar and salt are also handed out, depending on availability, officials

Gregory Alex, an American who runs the operation, said

UNHCR food distribution would probably stop by the end of next May, by which time a "food for work' programme should be ope-"Our biggest worry is that there

may only be food and no work, with no chance to rebuild Chad. Now they must eat, but eventually they have to work, only there's no money," he said. Supplies and logistical support

are limited, Mr. Alex said. He added that thousands of Chadians were also flooding into N'Djamena from northern Chad where drought has produced the worst harvest since 1974, with grain output falling 100,000 tonnes short of demand. This almost doubled prices, although the food aid had reduced demand, dep-

ressing free market prices a little. N'Djamena itself has made a remarkable comeback since fighting stopped a year ago: water. power, postal and air services are working, while food, although dear, is available. It is supplied to the bustling central market by the indefatigable pirogue-paddlers with goods brought via Cameroun.

Canoes piled high with crates of soft drinks or bearers with stacks of washing powder cartons, sacks their heads are a common sight, said.

while the two-wheeler "poussepousse" carts clog the streets. Street vendors sit by stalls laden with carboys, flagons and bottles of petrol gleaming red and amber in the hot sun. Others sell spicy meat kebabs or almi ardeb, a ref-

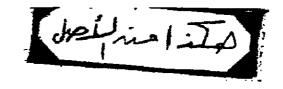
reshing red drink made from hib-

iscus flowers. N'Djamena's Mayor Allawane Hassane Filedje said his capital now had to be rebuilt from scratch, despite an almost total lack of funds. He was pleasantly surprised how quickly life was ret-

uming to something like normal. He told Reuters the central bank was working, giving businessmen confidence. But few commercial banks were operating. which meant major store owners would not reopen until they were

sure it was safe. But the capital lacks any equipment for essential services. "We had to stand and watch the Ecok Nationale d'Administration but down recently, as our only fire. engine wasn't working," Mr. Filedje said. The building had housed the only official files left intact in N'Djamena.

The United States has promised six billion CFA francs (\$21 mil. lion) in 1982 for rebuilding and of rice or rubber mattresses on for official vehicles, the mayor



uncovered last year. Some 100 people, mainly air force officers, were put to death in connection with the conspiracy which the government said had been financed by Shapur Bakhtiar, the Shah's last prime minister who now lives in exile in Paris.

Joergensen to form government

COPENHAGEN. Dec. 22 (A.P.) - Acting Prime Minister Anker Joergensen was given the task today of forming's minority government to break a political deadlock resulting from inconclusive general elections on Dec. 8. It will be the fifth minority government headed by the 59vear-old Social-Democratic leader since 1972, but Mr. Joergensen did not immediately say whether he would try for a coalition with other parties or go it alone. "All I can say is that it will be a minority government," he said after leaders of the nine political parties in the newly elected Folketing had given Queen Margrethe II their advice and Mr. Joergensen emerged as the prime min-

next year.

Magic cube inventor honoured

BUDAPEST, Dec. 22 (R) - Ernoe Rubik, the Hungarian inventor of the maddening magic cube that bears his name, was given a state decoration today for putting a new twist on his country's toy industry. Prof. Rubik, who teaches at the Budapest College of Applied Arts, received the Order of Labour Gold Class from Industry Minister Lajos Mehes in a ceremony here. The mathematics professor invented the cube in 1975 as an aid for students studying three-dimensional geometry. It later won such world-wide popularity that Hungarian firms were unable to fill the millions of orders they received. Now catching up with the cube craze, Budapest recently announced it would hold a world cube competition in April

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They have refused to return to

Chad has known little peace in